

# VETERANS TO STAGE ANNUAL HOMECOMING NOVEMBER 11



ONE OF the most pictured spots during early days in the Summer Home area was the old Hollow Log, said to have been discovered by Clint Brown in the '70s when his dogs ran a bear into it. And the log still is used as a background for photographs. The

above shot, taken in August during a meeting of the Tulare County Historical society at Balch park, shows a group of old-timers as they are today. Left to right: Chester Doyle, Edna Meddick, Jay G. Brown, Fred Wells (still lively and alert at 102 years of age)

Monroe Griggs, Gertrude Oldham, Roy Brooks (president of the historical society) and Mrs. George Dillon. All of them knew the Mountain Home and Summer Home country back in the days when it was the center of a great logging industry.

## Free Parade, Football, Baseball, Pioneer Reunion, Cousin Herb, Square Dance, Featured Events

PORTERVILLE, Nov. 3, 1955 — A free parade, starting at 10:00 a.m., will lead off a day of celebration in Porterville on November 11, when the community's veteran organizations join in their 37th annual Veterans' Homecoming celebration.

More than 70 entries have already been received for the parade, including 15 bands, a dozen floats, mounted groups, old vehicles, decorated cars, horseless carriages, marching units and decorated cars.

Featured will be the colorful and high-stepping drill team from the U. S. Naval Air station at Oakland, who will execute their intricate precision drill as the parade moves down Main street.

Afternoon feature will be a

football game in the new Porterville College stadium, where Porterville College will meet a team not yet announced.

At noon, pioneers of the community will gather for lunch at the Porterville High School cafeteria, where the old days will be relived and where a tea will be served later in the afternoon by Porterville chapter of Native Daughters of the Golden West.

Also planned for the afternoon (Continued on Page 9)

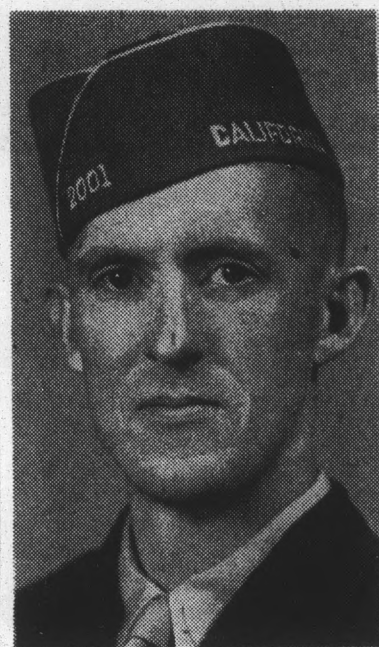
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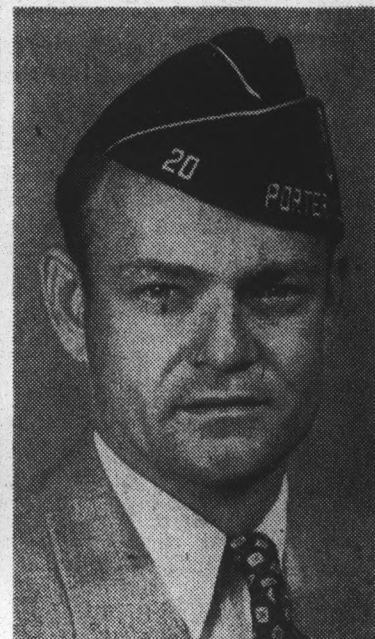
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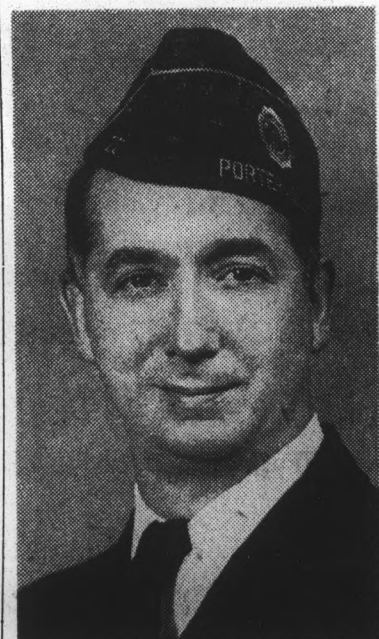
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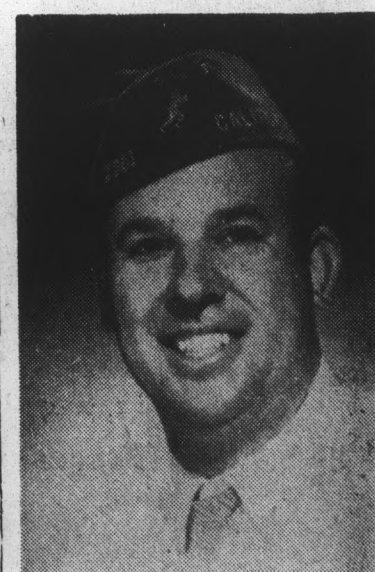
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Past Commander, VFW



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Past Commander, Legion



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Past Commander, VFW

# The FARM TRIBUNE

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## MEMORIAL SERVICE SUNDAY

PORTERVILLE, Nov. 3, 1955 —

Annual patriotic, religious memorial services in observance of Veterans' Day is set for next Sunday, November 6, at the First Christian church in Porterville, 8:00 p.m., with the Rev. Ragnar Kjeldahl, Protestant chaplain at the Porterville State hospital representing the Porterville Ministers' association, in charge.

The service will be conducted "in honor of all members of the armed forces, living or dead, who have, or are serving their country," especially the members of Post 20, the American Legion and its Auxiliary and Mt. Whitney Post 2001, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and its Auxiliary.

The Rev. Terence E. Stoker, minister (Continued on Page 9)

## TURKEY SHOTS SCHEDULED FOR ALL-DAY SUNDAY

PORTERVILLE, Nov. 3, 1955 —

Two turkey shoots are planned for this area next Sunday — one at the gravel pit, two and one half miles southeast of Terra Bella, the other at new site that has been built by the Southern Tulare County Sportsmen's association just south of Rocky hill.

Both shoots will offer a number of side attractions, with food and soft drinks served on the grounds. Proceeds from the Terra Bella shoot, which is sponsored by the Terra Bella Legion post, go to the post's welfare fund; proceeds from the Sportsmen's shoot go toward development of the new range site.



BOB MUNYON, executive secretary of the California Beef Industry Council, who will speak Saturday evening at annual fall banquet of the Tulare County Cattlemen's association, in the Forestry building, Porterville. (Moss photo)

## QUEEN TO BE ANNOUNCED AT TAFT GAME

PORTERVILLE, Nov. 3, 1955 —

Queen of Porterville's annual November 11 Veterans' Homecoming celebration will be announced, with appropriate ceremony, between halves of the Taft-Porterville college football game, Saturday night at the new college stadium, in Porterville.

Mayor Lester J. Hamilton will officially crown the queen; Charles Haener will act as master of ceremonies. Also participating will be Tom Ludden, student body president at Porterville college; Orlin Shires, dean of the college, and Charles W. Easterbrook, district school superintendent.

Five Porterville college coeds are seeking the title of queen; Glenda Wilson, Karol Kendrick, Mary Lou Kemper, Lou Ann Green and Marlene McTier. A committee (Continued on Page 2)

## REPRESENTATIVES OF ONE OF AREA'S OLDEST BUSINESSES — THE CATTLEMEN OF TULARE COUNTY, TO MEET SATURDAY

PORTERVILLE, Nov. 3, 1955 —

Representatives of one of the area's oldest businesses — the cattle business — will meet at the Forestry building in Porterville, Saturday evening for the annual fall banquet of the Tulare County Cattlemen's association.

Speaker will be Bob Munyon, executive secretary of the California Beef Industry council; also speaking briefly will be George Tucker, secretary-manager of the California Feeders' association.

A musical program will be provided by the Jeanne Erassarret

family of Bakersfield, a talented group of young people. Dr. William N. C. Kim, of Porterville, will present vocal selections.

Presiding will be Oscar Klein, president of the cattlemen's association; officers of the California Cattlemen's association are expected to attend.

In charge of table arrangement will be women of the Tulare County Cow Belles; barbecued beef will be served. Cattlemen, and their guests, are reminded to bring their own table service.

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### T'WAS EVER THUS

Back in the old days, in fact back about 60 years ago, local newspapers were reporting on action of civic groups designed to get industry into southeastern Tulare county "to supplement agriculture." (Almost the same words used in these modern times.)

And judging from stories in old newspapers, there was opposition to the promotion of industry, and again for some of the same reasons that are now being advanced against industry coming to this community. In fact there has always been a certain amount of opposition to anything that represented change in the community, or represented a new approach or outlook.

Today, the community has an opportunity to secure a major industry — the Rockwell Manufacturing company, and, just as in the past, there is opposition being expressed, particularly among certain segments of the agricultural population.

Actually, we can see little reason for agricultural interests to oppose industry. In fact, from our own viewpoint, as an owner of agricultural land, we welcome industry, provided the specific plant represents a desirable type of industry.

In the case of the Rockwell company, we have a desirable industry, an industry that is clean — there will be no smoke, no noise, no odor. The plant that is proposed for Porterville will serve as a warehouse for west coast distribution of Delta Power tools, one of the items manufactured by Rockwell, and will also serve as an assembly and repair plant for various types of meters that the company manufactures.

Labor required by this plant will be skilled and semi-skilled; officials of the company say they prefer young men and women, with at least a high school education. From this statement it is clear there will be little competition for so-called "agricultural labor."

An important factor for farmers to consider is that a plant of the Rockwell type brings in a big chunk of assessed valuation, since estimated cost of the facility is a million dollars.

This in effect means that the Rockwell plant will help carry the tax load of the area; we don't say that taxes will be reduced as a result, but certainly a large increase in assessed valuation will tend to

lessen the pinch on those persons now paying taxes.

It is conceivable that as a result of industrial expansion and increasing land values, specific farmers might find their land becoming too valuable for profitable farming, but there are two approaches to this problem: 1. Agricultural zoning, through which certain lands are zoned and maintained as farming land; and 2. Development of farming land for other purposes to meet the new demand.

But in reality, the effect of industry on land values and on labor markets will be determined by the broad state picture, not by one factory, or several factories in Porterville.

Consequently, as an owner of ranch land, our approach is to accept changing times; accept changing land uses; accept the fact that the state of California is overflowing into its central valleys; accept the fact that we are going to have industry, then be a little bit particular about what industry.

Plan of action should not be to block development, but rather to go after desirable industry — industry of the type represented by the Rockwell company; plan for that industry in relation to the existing agricultural economy, and accept the benefits that this industry will bring to the community.

For nearly a hundred years, judgment of the people of Porterville has been good when matters of public interest were involved — that's why, in spite of opposition, the town has had a solid and steady growth. And that sound judgment, we feel sure, will continue to prevail, with the result that a desirable industry will be brought to Porterville.

### Dinner And Bazaar Saturday At Glennville

GLENNVILLE, Nov. 3, 1955 —

The Sierra Neighborhood club will hold its annual fall dinner and bazaar in the Veterans' Hall at Glennville, Saturday, November 5. The ladies will start serving their famous chicken or beef pies, with salad, dessert and coffee and milk at 6:30 — adults \$1.00; children 50c. After dinner there will be the bazaar, featuring home-made jellies and preserves, candies, plants, and handicraft of all kinds, ideal for Christmas gifts.

### BOYS' ATHLETIC CLUB IS CLOSED

PORTERVILLE, May 4, 1900 —

The Porterville Athletic club has been closed for the reason that the boys for whose benefit it was arranged did not show their appreciation of the kindness of citizens who subscribed toward fitting up the place in the Sarthou building, but instead, conducted themselves in a manner that brought much adverse comment.

## QUEEN

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tee composed of representatives of various community civic organizations picked these girls from among 15 contestants, and will also choose the queen.

With one of the five girls being selected as queen, the other four will reign as princesses during Homecoming events, and prior to the November 11 celebration.

Serving as escorts for the five girls during the Saturday night ceremony will be: Orville Lofton, commander, Mt. Whitney Post 2001, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Tom Houts, commander, American Legion Post 20; Ed. Isch, past commander of the Legion post; Ralph Beard, past commander of the VFW post and Charles Cummings, Porterville city manager.

The royal party will be presented at a number of community gatherings prior to the Homecoming celebration and will be honored at a Queen's dance to be given Saturday evening, following the football game, in the Porterville high school girls' gymnasium. The public is invited to this event.

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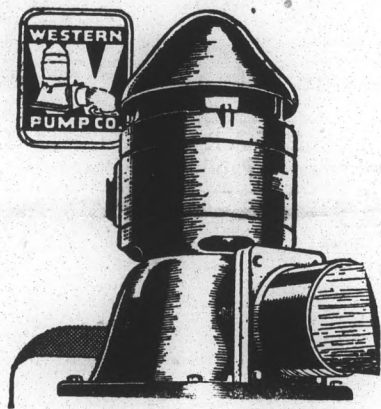
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## F. F. Knowles Was Versatile "Mountain Man" In The Sierra Before Tule River Flood Of 1862

PORTERVILLE, Nov. 3, 1955 — In the "Business Directory and Historical and Descriptive Handbook of Tulare County, 1888", F. F. Knowles is listed as a "Mountaineer", and certainly he must have been that, for he was apparently established as a trapper on the Tule river prior to the great flood of 1862 and at one time he had his cabin in a little meadow on Bear creek at later site of the Coburn mill, after the mill was moved from the headwaters of Rancherie creek.

Jay Brown, of Porterville, remembers the "John Muir" appearance of Knowles, and he recalls that his father, Clint Brown, who ran sheep in the Mountain Home and Summer Home area in the very early days, always referred to Knowles as "the old hermit."

Harold Schutt, in preparing an article on Knowles for publication in "Los Tulares", quarterly bulletin of the Tulare County Historical society, reported:

Chester Doyle of Porterville knew Knowles very well and often visited the old man at his cabin.

They were "neighbors" when J. J. Doyle was operating at Summer Home. Chester says that Knowles was very reticent about his early life. He left home when a youth of 15 and was established as a hunter and trapper on Tule river during the heavy floods of the 1860's. He once told Chester of having to move his traps up the side of the mountain because the flat at Doyle Springs which is normally high above the river was being flooded.

There is a tradition that he worked for Fremont as a hunter to provide game for the exploring expedition. On Tule river he trapped silver fox, pine martin, bear and other animals. Probably beaver had been exterminated in this area. Chester recalls that when

he knew him Knowles had an especially good bear dog.

Knowles had some service in the Union army, probably in California, and when he was an old man, J. J. Doyle investigated the possibility of getting a pension for him but the record wasn't very complete. Apparently when the war was over — or maybe Knowles got tired of soldiering — he simply went A.W.O.L. and returned to his mountaineering.

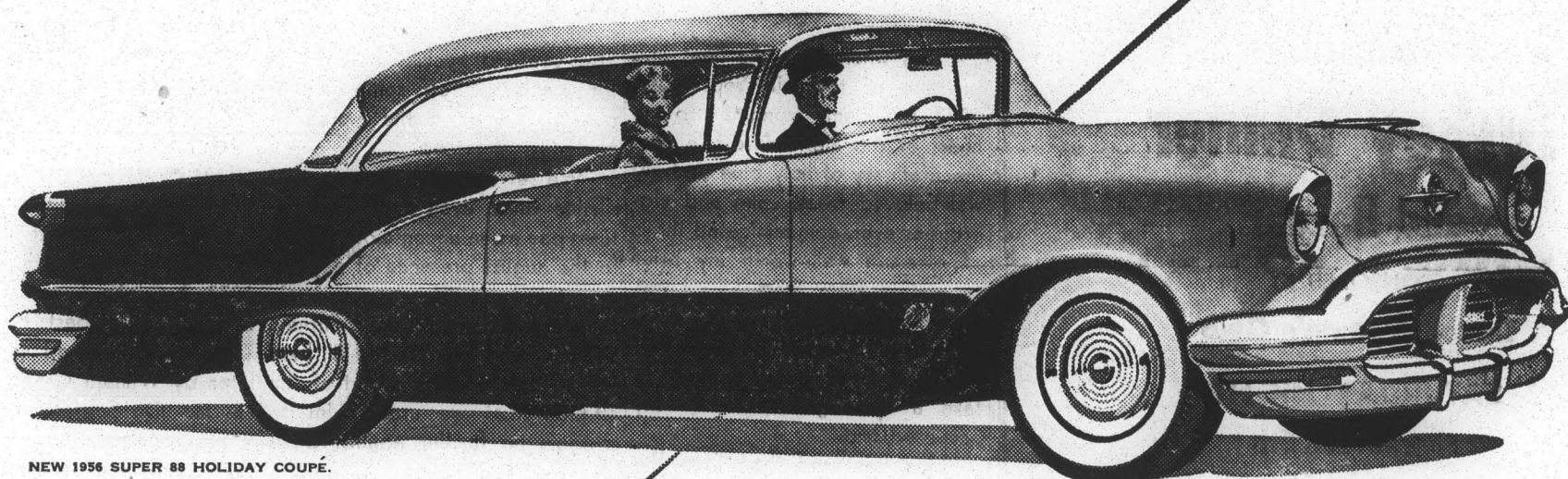
Chester Doyle recalls that when a boy of about 16 he was working in a Porterville livery stable and a stranger came in and asked if anyone knew a man named Knowles. Chester says the man looked enough like Frank Knowles to be his twin brother. He was a brother and when he learned of the man

in the mountains he hired a livery rig and Chester drove him up for a visit.

Doyle enjoyed hunting and often took his guns to Knowles and remembers that he was one of the first in this area to have a 30-30. Of course he could hardly wait to show it to his favorite old timer. Knowles greeted him with "What the hell you got now?" Although Knowles was impressed with the accuracy and power of the modern rifle he never gave up his old muzzle loader that he continued to carry over the mountains. Doyle says it was about .38 caliber and weighed 14 pounds. He must have believed in giving wildlife something approaching an even break!

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Oh-h-h! Those '56  
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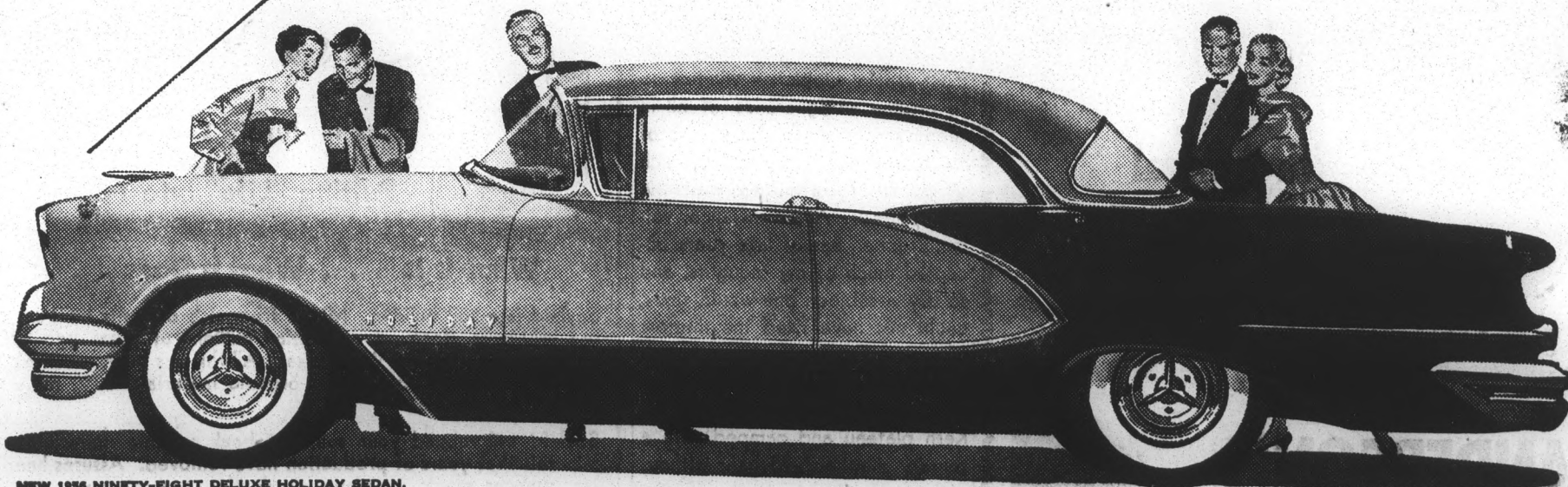


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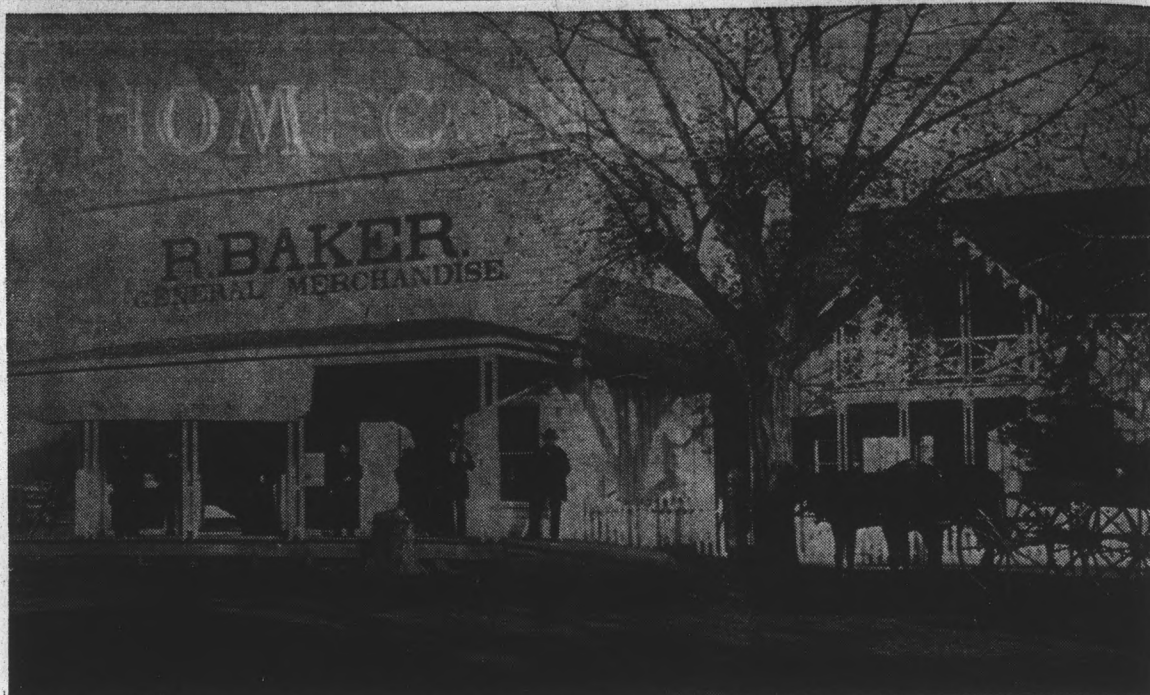
Knowles was quite a versatile person. Although not a musician, he made two guitars. The top and bottom surfaces were made of white alder and the sides and fret board of manzanita. A Sears, Roebuck catalog illustration was the pattern for guidance in construction. The guitars had good tone and were used by S. A. Mapes, Porterville musician. They were not perfect as the strings were a little too close together.

About 1900 Knowles stayed at the Enterprise mill above Mountain Home as a winter watchman. He must have become ill and delirious because he was discovered out in the open suffering from exposure. Thereafter he lived at Springville where he died in 1903. (There is a headstone in the Crabtree cemetery southeast of Springville marked "Francis F. Knowles, Native of Maine, 1824-1903." There is an unmarked grave at the Cramer cemetery, north of Springville,

which is supposed to be that of a Frank Knowles.)

The principal printed reference to Knowles is in Clarence King's "Mountaineering in the Sierra." This is a delightful book telling of King's early work with the California Geological survey, working under J. D. Whitney and W. H. Brewer. A considerable portion deals with Tulare county. Most of the book is factual although two or three chapters, such as "Kaweah's Run", are fantasy.

The original survey in our local mountains was made in 1864. Mt. Brewer was climbed and the vast area of mountains to the south and east were revealed. King and a companion ventured into the area and climbed Mt. Tyndall. From the top they saw Mt. Whitney — as it was later called — and King wouldn't rest until he was permitted to attempt that mountain. It was late in the season when he started and while climbing a storm came up and visibility



ROBERT BAKER, one of Porterville's pioneers, had this general

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was so poor that he climbed the wrong mountain.

When it was established that King had not been successful in climbing the highest peak in the United States he was impatient to try again. It was 1873 before his work would permit another trip. It was on this trip that he employed Knowles as a guide and packer. A few quotations from King's book tell us something about Knowles.

"Thus when from the heat and pressure of town in September, 1873, I suddenly plunged into the heart of the Sierra forest, a cool mountain sky of holy blue and my well-beloved trees, calm and vigorous as ever, communicated thrills of pleasure well worth my brief separation from them . . . I was accompanied by Seaman and Knowles, two settlers of Tule river, who had been good enough to take a thorough interest in my proposed trip.

"One less used than I to the strong originality and remarkable histories of frontiersmen might have marvelled at the rich chat of these two men; for myself, however, I long ago learned to expect under the rough garb and simple manners of Western plainsmen and mountaineers a wealth of experience, with its resultant harvest of philosophy. Untrammelled by the schools, these men strike out boldly and arrange the universe to suit themselves.

"Not alone is this noticeable in matter of general interest; in the most special subjects it will not do to assume an ignorance at all in keeping with the primitive cut of their trousers or their idiom, which shows strong affinities with the flint period. As an instance, volcanic action has of late years occupied much of my thoughts, and so dry a subject, one would think, could not have fixed the interest of many non-professional travelers. Judge of my feelings, therefore, on the night we reached the Kern plateau and camped with a solitary shepherd, to hear without giving direction to it myself, the conversation turn on volcanoes, and to realize, as the group renewed our fire and hours passed by, that my two companions had been in Iceland, Hawaii, Java and Ecuador, and that as for the shepherd, he had rolled stones down nearly every prominent approachable crater on the planet. I was reminded of a certain vaquero who astounded Professor Brewer

by launching out boldly in the Latin names of Mexican plants.

"Knowles, with the keen eye of an accomplished hunter, became conscious, as we marched along, just how lately a mountain sheep had crossed our way, and occasionally the whispered sound of light footfalls along the crags overhead rivited his attention upon some gray mote on the granite, and with the huntsman's habitual quiet he would only ejaculate "two-year-old buck," or "too thin for venison," or some similar phrase, indicating the marvelous acuteness of senses.

"We sat for some time in that silence which even the rudest natures pay as an unconscious tribute to the august presence of a great mountain, and then began again the march toward Mount Whitney. Seaman, who had started ill, here felt so painfully the effect of the altitude that we urged him to struggle no further against dizziness and nausea, but to return, which he did with reluctance.

"We parted at the very crown of the ridge, on the verge of a gulf which plunges down from Mount Whitney to Owens Valley. Knowles, who is a sort of chamois, kept his head splendidly, and together we clambered around and up to the crest of a bold needle

about 14,400 feet high, from which the discouraging truth dawned upon us that it was impossible to surmount the three sharp pinnacles which lay between us and the delicately sculptured crest beyond.

"At eleven o'clock next morning Knowles and I stood together on the topmost rock of Mount Whitney; we found there a monument of stones, and records of the two parties who had preceded us, the first Messrs. Hunter and Crapo, and afterward that of Rabe of the Geological survey. The former were, save Indian hunters, the first, so far as we know, who achieved this dominating summit.

("The first ascent of Mount Whitney was made on August 18, 1873, by John Lucas, Charles D. Begole, and Albert H. Johnson. They were followed a few days later by William Crapo and Abe Leyda. On September 6th, Carl Rabe, an employee of the State Geological Survey, accompanied Crapo, William Hunter, and Tom McDonough to the summit, bearing a barometer. The resulting measurements were, as usual, quite wide of the mark. King and Knowles reached the summit September 19, 1873. It is extremely unlikely that Indians ever visited the summits of the high peaks.")

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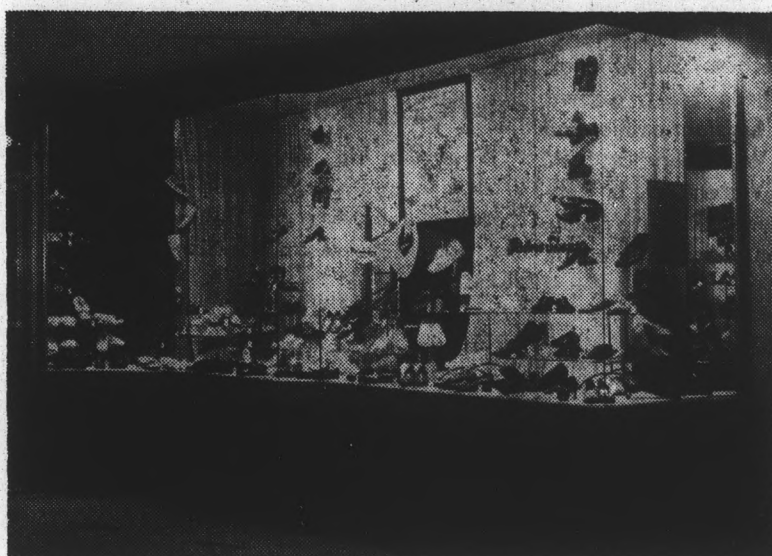
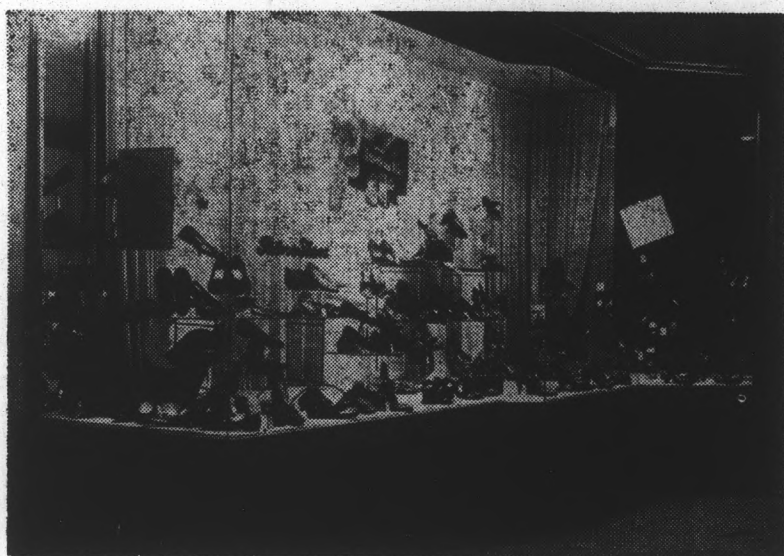
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## POPLAR ELKS HOSTS AT LODGE SATURDAY NITE

PORTERVILLE, Nov. 3, 1955 — Elks from the Poplar district, with their wives, will be hosts at a dinner dance set for Saturday evening at the Porterville Elks lodge.

Dinner will be served from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., dancing will follow. Men are asked to come in jeans; women in cotton dresses. Charge for the evening is two dollars; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Buda are heading the committee on arrangements.

## Pioneer Hotel Shows A Profit

PORTERVILLE, Jan. 12, 1908 — At a meeting of the stockholders of the Pioneer bank, the same board as has had the affairs of the bank in their hands since the reorganization some months ago was continued in office: Sus Mitchell, president; Eugene Scott, cashier; M. E. DeWitt, assistant cashier and Anton Konda, W. H. Shry, Dr. S. A. Barber, John Vincent, G. L. Robbins, Dar Sturm, R. J. Wigley, Henry Peterson and E. E. Graham, directors.

## TOM SHARKEY KNOCKED OUT

New York, June 25, 1900 — Tom Sharkey, the pugilist, met his first defeat at Coney Island last night, being knocked out by Gus Ruhlin.

## BILLY SHRY HORSE PACES FAST HALF MILE

SAN JOSE, June 29, 1900 — The little horse, Harry Logan, which Billy Shry of Porterville was jogging around to his buggy only last spring, paced a half mile last Saturday in 1 - 11/2, the first quarter in 29 3/4. He is out of Miss Logan by Harry Gear, and is expected to do wonders for his owners, Mr. Shry and Dr. Boucher.

## 30 PEOPLE AT PINE FLAT

PORTERVILLE, July 20, 1889 — Luke Howeth, Pete Thompson and Henry Gardner came down from Pine Flat on Tuesday to buy provisions. They report over 30 people are camping at the Flat.

## Singleton Harvester Team Runs Away

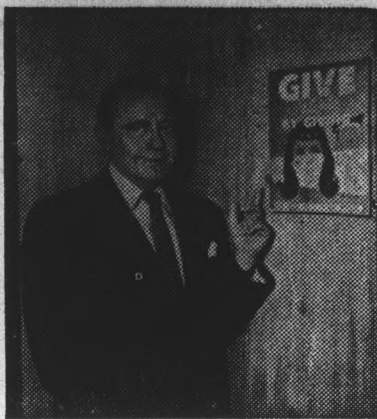
TERRA BELLA, July 13, 1900 — Fay Singleton's harvester team of 30 horses ran away Wednesday when a chain broke and the report scared the horses. Notwithstanding the brakes being on, the team dragged the ponderous machine 75 yards before they stopped. No damage was done.

## PARIS TOO FAR FROM PORTERVILLE

PORTERVILLE, Mar. 29, 1901 — E. Miller, renowned Visalia lawyer, was asked a few questions while he was in Porterville the other day regarding his trip to Europe and especially what he thought of Paris and London. "Both very nice places," he said, "but they're too far away from Porterville to ever amount to much."

## PETITION ASKS CITY INCORPORATION

PORTERVILLE, Apr. 20, 1900 — A petition to the board of supervisors has been circulated asking that the city of Porterville be incorporated. One hundred fifty names are on the petition.



**An Appeal for Mentally Retarded Children:** Jack Benny, Honorary Fund Drive Chairman of National Retarded Children's Week, calls on his fellow Americans to "Give thanks by giving" to help retarded children. The autumn drive for funds by the National Association for Retarded Children is being carried on in every part of the country. Three of every 100 children born in the United States are mentally retarded in some degree but all can be helped to lead more useful, happy lives.

## WOODVILLE CREAMERY CHANGES HANDS

Woodville, May 25, 1900 — The Woodville creamery has been purchased by J. L. Miner and D. Udell, and will be moved to the Burton district.

## ARTESIAN WELL MAY BE DRILLED

TIPTON, March 9, 1888 — Object of a water meeting held in Tipton Saturday evening was to consider the feasibility of an artesian well in town. T. M. Hamlin was elected chairman of the meeting and H. E. Francis, secretary. Probable depth of the well should be 1,000 feet; it would cost \$2,000.00.

## GOLD NUGGET SENT TO SAN FRANCISCO

PORTERVILLE, Aug. 3, 1889 — Mrs. J. Mitchell, of Tailholt, on Friday last week, sent down by Jim Kilbreath for delivery to Robert Baker, a nugget of fine gold for transmission by Wells Fargo & Co. to San Francisco.

## Township Is Formed At Springville

VISALIA, Feb. 3, 1901 — The board of supervisors today ordered the new judicial township, to be known as the Springville Judicial township, to be created and formed out of the territory comprising the Pleasant Valley and Mountain View voting precincts. It was further ordered that Courtney Talbot be appointed justice of the peace, and Andrew H. Hoover, constable.

## WHO SAYS NO FISH IN TULE RIVER?

SPRINGVILLE, July 13, 1900 — The fellow who says there is no fishing near Springville does not state a fact. Young George Dillon and Frank Blake went above the Clubhouse the other day and caught 66 trout.

## KERN RIVER BEING DYNAMITED

PORTERVILLE, Aug. 24, 1900 — It appears that dynamiting the stream for fish is being carried on along the Kern river, not only for eating, but for market. Immediate steps should be taken to catch the guilty parties and put a stop to this sort of thing.

## FIRST CRICKET GAME PLAYED IN PORTERVILLE

PORTERVILLE, Oct. 26, 1900 — The first game of cricket ever played in Porterville was seen Sunday when the English Porterville and Lindsay contingents played a practice game.

## BULLION FROM WHITE RIVER

PORTERVILLE, June 29, 1900 — Nelson Hallock was down from White River, Tuesday, and brought along about \$500.00 worth of bullion. He is working the Eclipse mine.

## TULARE-PORTERVILLE RAILROAD PLANNED

PORTERVILLE, Nov. 20, 1889 — Articles of incorporation have been filed by the Porterville and Tulare Railroad company, which proposes to construct a railroad between Porterville and Tulare. Capital stock is \$220,000.00; directors of the corporation are: P. N. Lilienthal, W. H. Chickering, Louis Sloss and W. Thomas.

## Dam Is Broken, City In Darkness

PORTERVILLE, July 20, 1889 — The town was in a state of darkness until the rising of the moon for two nights this week through the ruffianism of some unknown parties who destroyed the Pioneer Water company ditch dam, causing the water that ran the electric dynamo to flow into the river. The Pioneer Water company has taken steps to have the dam watched and whoever is found in the vicinity of same will get a warm reception.

## VOICE LEFT IN CITY OF ANGELS

PORTERVILLE, Sept. 21, 1889 — The Porterville editor thinks that Miss Wynne, the Los Angeles songstress who sang here a while back, left her voice among the angels of that city. When she sang in Hanford, the Hanford people thought she had borrowed her voice from an owl.

## FRANK JERSEY ON WARPATH

PORTERVILLE, Dec. 10, 1902 — Frank Jersey is on the warpath at the Pioneer hotel bar, delivering his famous Pecan punch, singing the song of the olive cocktail and handing out that smooth Havana cigar, Norma Martinez. He also tells you about Veronica Water and the five-year-old Port wine, that great health builder.

## Monroe Griggs Publishing Book

EXETER, Nov. 3, 1955 — Monroe Griggs, pioneer of this community and a teamster in the early days, is publishing a book, "Wheeler and Leaders", the publication to be off the Academy Library Guild press in the near future; story deals with pioneer development of the east-central San Joaquin valley.

## CHINESE WORK IN GRIZZLY GULCH

WHITE RIVER, Nov. 2, 1889 — A great many Chinese are at work in the placer mines of Grizzly gulch. The diggings are deep and most too much for white men, but the Chinamen work them and make lots of money.

## THIEVING RASCALS ROB RANCH HOUSE

DAUNT, Oct. 12, 1889 — Some malicious and thieving rascals repaired to J. E. Shuey's ranch in Black Mountain valley some time last week and broke in the door of his house and stole a lot of provisions and gave what he had in his barn to their horses.

## JEAN SARTOU SELLS SHEEP

PORTERVILLE, Oct. 19, 1889 — Jean Sarthou last week shipped 22,610 pounds of wool to San Francisco, this being the result of his fall clipping. He also sold Clint Brown 1,100 head of sheep and Frank Bispo 500 head at prices varying from \$1.25 to \$2.50.

## NEW WELL LOOKS GOOD

PORTERVILLE, June 1, 1900 — A. G. Schultz was the happiest man in town, Wednesday. A fest on the well he is having bored at his orange orchard showed a flow of 30 inches of water. The well is 10 inches in circumference and is 179 feet deep.

# Veteran's Day

## Will Be A Great Day In Porterville

But during this day of celebration, won't you pause for a minute at 11:00 o'clock in silent tribute to the men and women who have given their lives for their country.

And over the holiday weekend, send a note or letter to a hospitalized veteran that you know, or to one of your old wartime "buddies".

And why not resolve to take a little more interest in public affairs and by so doing help to keep America safe and strong.

And why not pledge yourself to be a citizen worthy of all the opportunity and freedom that your country offers you.

## There Is More To Veterans' Day Than Just A Holiday

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## TIME OUT

By Davis Harp

Last Saturday night was a long night for the Porterville College Pirates. It was a night that Tom Flores and J. C. White of the Fresno J. C. Rams will remember for some time to come as they led the Rams to a 33-12 conquest of the Pirates.

White will be remembered by the Pirates as the trickiest thing on two feet. Not only was the 195 pound fullback tricky, but he also has a monopoly on the speed market. White completely wrecked the previously strong P. C. defense and when he couldn't do it, Tossing Tom Flores could. Flores surprised the Pirate outfit by throwing from the spread formation and his pin point pitching opened the Pirate defense to the running of White. It was strictly a two man show and the Pirates kind of wish they hadn't bought tickets to it.

On the Pirate side of the act the star performer was halfback Bill Bumgarner who woke the P.C. crew up by grabbing a Flores to White pitch-out to give the locals the ball. Bumgarner scored six plays later on a nine yard surge over tackle. Bumgarner has spent most of the season on the bench due to a

sprained ankle, but he is rapidly coming into his own as a mail carrier; he scored twice against Coalinga and once against the Rams. We will probably see a lot of him in the remaining games. Quarterback Wendell Bland pulled, in our opinion, the coolest play of the year against the Rams when he crossed up the whole Fresno defense with a fake hand-off and bootlegged around end for the final Porterville touchdown.

The Pirates' diet will change considerably this week as the powerful Taft Cougars come to town Saturday night with the hope of keeping up their Junior Rose Bowl drive. The Cougars are one of the three undefeated Junior College teams in California and are a leading contender for the Roses. In their last outing the boys from the oil city took the once mighty COS Giants 35-0.

For the Pirates the Taft game is their "Do or Die" contest. The Portervillians will have to win this one to get a tie for the CCJCA title, a loss would drop them out of contention. The Cougars are led by their great fullback, Archie Schmidt, a slower version of J. C. White, but he is a more powerful runner and is just about as shifty. Secret to beating the Taft outfit lies in stopping Schmidt. Line-wise the Cougars are big and tough with plenty of speed. All in all, the outlook is rugged for the Pirate-Cougar affair, but we think the Pirates are the type of team that can come back from a defeat.

A big, tough Mt. Whitney Pioneer squad handed the Porterville High School Panthers their second loss in their last two starts. The Panthers absorbed a terrific physical beating from the Pioneers as their two first string halfbacks are on the injured list this week and first string center, Del Clark, is out for the season with a knee injury. Halfbacks Dave Rymer and Bob Hill found the going pretty rough and the Pioneers not too hospitable. Rymer is on crutches this week with a knee injury and Hill has an arm injury which may hamper him.

This week the Panthers face the potent Tulare Redskins in their "Big Game". The Redskins are leading the league with wins over Hanford and Redwood, the two weaker teams in the conference. The Redskin ace is their fine quarterback, Freddie Ford, who was the Panthers' doom last year as he pitched a 68 yard scoring pass to beat PUHS in the last minute

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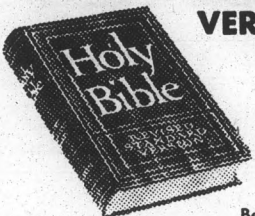
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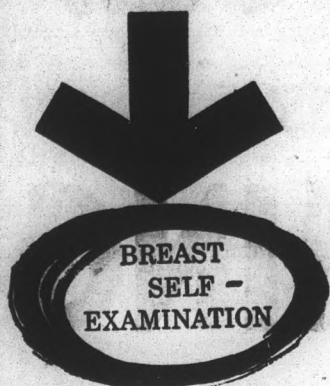
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**SALOON HAS FIRST FANS**

PORTERVILLE, May 20, 1900—L. Pohlman's and Dave Moshier's saloon has been ornamented with ceiling fans, the first in town.

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**TRACTION ENGINE FALLS OVER GRADE TO CONTINUE HARD LUCK STORY THAT STARTED WITH KAWEAH COLONY PEOPLE**

SPRINGVILLE, May 25, 1900—

A traction engine, belonging to J. W. Kyle, on its way to the Enterprise mill, fell over the grade opposite the Coburn dump, Monday, a distance of about 1,000 feet, and was literally smashed to pieces, leaving nothing worth picking up but the boiler.

Mr. Kyle, who was sawer for the mill last season, was just near the top of the last grade when the key worked out of the shaft on the driving box. The blocking would not hold the engine, which rolled backwards with the above results.

According to reports, the engine has always had bad luck. It was brought overland from Los Angeles by the Kaweah Colony people about 2 years ago, and when crossing a stream in the mountains, went through the bridge, remaining in the river for about three weeks.

It was finally gotten out, but when being ferried across the Kaweah river, a cable broke and the flat boat and engine floated down stream, landing on an island.

It was afterwards released, but

when crossing another stream, went through the bridge again. When it finally arrived at its destination, it was not used as a traction engine, but was used for power to cut shingles and shakes.

It has now taken its last journey, and we hope its junk rests in peace.

**Pioneer Bank Officials Named**

PORTERVILLE, Nov. 28, 1889—

The first annual meeting of the stockholders of the Porterville Hotel company took place Monday at the Pioneer Land company office, with Emil Newman, as president.

Net surplus for the year, less taxes, was \$7,706.68; officers were named as: Newman, president; Robert Baker, vice president; Pioneer Bank of Porterville, treasurer, and F. E. Woodley, secretary.

**New Arlington Hotel Is Opened**

PORTERVILLE, Nov. 9, 1889—

J. F. Kessing has opened up a finely furnished hotel in the new block over the slough bridge, and has given it the euphonious name of "The Arlington." Our old friend, John Loyd, has the management of it and offers the best accommodations for his visitors.

**ORANGE SHIPMENT TOTALS 314 CARS**

PORTERVILLE, Jan. 18, 1901—

Orange shipment is now finished. The Earl Fruit company shipped the last four cars this week, which makes their compliment of cars 202. A. Gregory shipped 79 cars, and Fay, 38, for a total of 314 cars, of which about 40 cars came from the Lindsay district.

**JIM McKINNEY ON MURDER CHARGE**

BAKERSFIELD, Mar. 22, 1901—

Jim McKinney was arraigned in Superior court here Friday to answer to the charge of murdering Tom Sears. He pleaded not guilty and it was ordered that he appear for setting of the case for trial on March 25.

**BANKER SPEAKS AT CONVENTION**

PORTERVILLE, May 4, 1900—

Richard Bradley left for Sacramento, Wednesday, to speak at the annual convention of the California Bankers' association.

**FIRST PULLMAN CAR INTO TOWN**

PORTERVILLE, Nov. 16, 1889—

The first Pullman cars that ever ran over the east branch line brought Superintendent Deitrick and his friends through Porterville, Monday.

**RICH LEDGE REPORTED AT MINNIE-ELLEN**

PORTERVILLE, June 15, 1900—

Saturday, C. S. Cox, promoter and director of the Yellow King Mining company, arrived in town from the Minnie-Allen and reported that Friday, at a depth of 120 feet, whilst cross-cutting for the ledge, they had encountered a very large body of high-grade ore, running from \$50.00 to \$200.00 per ton.

The cross cut is now in eight feet of ore of this character, and the ledge will probably be more than 25 feet wide. The bonder of the mine are jubilant over the good news.

**Lumber Wagon Goes Over Grade**

SPRINGVILLE, July 20, 1900—

One of the Young Brothers wagons, loaded with lumber, with six horses, went over the grade Monday about half a mile below Mountain Home. O. McIntyre was driving along when the road gave way near the rear of the wagon, causing it to turn over and go off the grade backwards, dragging the horses with it. McIntyre jumped, thus saving himself. A pine tree stopped the wagon, but lumber was scattered everywhere; the horses were cut up, but not seriously hurt.

**ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE WORKS ON ORDINANCE**

PORTERVILLE, May 25, 1900—

The Anti-Saloon league is working on an amendment to present ordinances relative to the issuance of licenses for the sale of liquor. Working in Porterville are: The Rev. J. A. Milligan, Rev. J. M. Taylor, and W. W. Hughes, G. W. Connor, Moses Davidson and E. I. Feemster.

**FOOT BRIDGE ACROSS SLOUGH**

PORTERVILLE, Feb. 8, 1901—

The following enterprising citizens have built a footbridge across the



MISS ANNIE ZALUD, when she appeared as Goddess of Liberty in a Fourth of July parade, Porterville, 1890. Her dress was of cream wool, with a satin stripe. (Photo courtesy Miss Pearle Zalud)

slough west of the Ackerman residence, which will be very useful, as it will save a walk in coming from the depot to town: Mrs. McArthur, her son, W. Meisner and Fred Ackerman.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

**SUMMONS**  
No. 47378

In the Superior Court of the County of Tulare, State of California

OLA HUTTON, Plaintiff  
vs.  
J. E. HUTTON, Defendant

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA SEND GREETINGS TO: J. E. HUTTON, DEFENDANT.

YOU ARE HEREBY DIRECTED TO APPEAR and answer the Complaint in the action entitled as above, brought against you in the Superior Court of said County of Tulare, State of California, within ten days after the service on you of this summons, if served within this County, or within thirty days, if served elsewhere.

And you are hereby notified that unless you appear and answer as above required, the said Plaintiff will take judgment for any money or damages demanded in the Complaint, as arising upon contract, or Plaintiff will apply to Court for any other relief demanded in the Complaint.

Given under my hand and seal of the Superior Court of the said Tulare County, State of California, this 8th day of June, 1955.  
(COURT SEAL)

CLAUDE H. GRANT /s/ Clerk  
By BLANCHE RAMBO /s/ Deputy  
s3,15,22,28,06,13,20,27,n3,10

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
No. 12997

In the Superior Court of the State of California In and For The County of Tulare

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HARRY J. LIKEWISE, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Glenn E. Likewise, administrator of the estate of Harry J. Likewise, deceased, to all persons having claims against said deceased to file them with the necessary vouchers within six (6) months after the first publication of this notice in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the county of Tulare, in the city of Visalia, or to exhibit said claims with the necessary vouchers within six (6) months to said administrator at the office of Guy Knupp, Jr., located at 400 Second Street, in the city of Porterville, county of Tulare, state of California, which said office the undersigned selects as his place of business in all matters connected with the estate of Harry J. Likewise, deceased.

DATED: This 18th day of October, 1955.  
GLENN E. LIKEWISE  
GUY KNUPP, JR.  
400 Second Street  
Porterville, California  
Telephone 1157  
Attorney for Administrator.  
o20,27,n3,10,17

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
No. 12978

In the Superior Court of the State of California In and For The County of Tulare

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY MONTGOMERY, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned administratrix of the estate of said deceased to the creditors of and all persons having claims against said deceased or against her estate, to file them with the necessary vouchers within six months after the first publication of this notice in the office of the clerk of the above entitled court, at his office at the Hall of Justice in the City of Visalia, County of Tulare, State of California, or to file such claims, together with the necessary vouchers, within six months after the first publication of this notice with the said administratrix at the office of Burford, Hubler & Burford, 520 E. Mill Street, in the City of Porterville, County of Tulare, State of California, which said last named office the undersigned selects as her place of business in all matters connected with the estate of said deceased.

BETTY BROOKS, Administratrix  
BURFORD, HUBLER & BURFORD  
Attorneys for Administratrix  
Box 308  
Porterville, California

Date of First Publication: October 20, 1955. o20,27,s3,10,17

## TULARE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT NOTICE

**DOG QUARANTINE**  
Tulare County, having been declared a Rabies endemic area by the State Department of Public Health, the following is hereby declared:

**QUARANTINE ORDER**  
All dogs within this area must be kept in close confinement upon the private premises of the owner or person having the custody thereof, under restraint by leash or within a properly constructed enclosure for the period of 30 days from the last date of outbreak, August 5, 1955, except that responsible persons shall be permitted to take their dogs (other than animals quarantined as rabies contacts) of the public streets and highways within the quarantine area when such animals are controlled by suitable leash not over five (5) feet in length, and when so controlled may also take them on public streets or highways within the quarantined areas in automobiles but not in any bus, or other public conveyance unless dogs meet vaccination requirements. Dogs in transit through the above described area must be kept in a vehicle on leash and under absolute control. No dog shall be taken outside the exterior boundaries of the area quarantined without a written permit from the County Health Officer, except an animal in transit, unless said dog meets vaccination requirements.

Vaccination requirements are: 30 day confinement after vaccination. Dogs vaccinated within a period of one year with chick embryo vaccine or within six months with nerve tissue vaccine may be regarded as meeting the vaccination requirements.

The area affected by this order is all of the unincorporated areas of Tulare County and the incorporated cities of Tulare, Visalia, Exeter, Lindsay, Porterville, Woodlake and Dinuba.

This order is issued under authority of Section 1902 of the Health and Safety Code and 2606 (e) of Title 17, California Administrative Code, Effective date of this order, October 24, 1955.  
ELMO ALEXANDER, M. D.  
Tulare County Health Officer  
o27,n3

## DEVELOPMENT COMPANY FORMED IN PORTERVILLE

PORTERVILLE, Mar. 22, 1901 — Articles of incorporation of the Giant Development company have been filed with the county clerk.

Object of the corporation is to deal in mining lands; water and water rights, and to generate electricity for heat and power.

Principal place of business is Porterville; capital stock is \$100,000, divided into 1,000 shares.

Directors are: V. D. Knupp, J. H. James, F. E. Woodley, H. C. Talbot, George C. Murphy, G. L. Robbins, J. N. Larson, J. C. McCabe and E. W. Beebe.

## JUST HOW BIG WAS THAT BEAR?

PORTERVILLE, June 22, 1900 —

Professor Dinwiddle, who went to the mountains with Don Nelson, returned Saturday. He succeeded in killing a bear, which he reports was of large dimensions, it weighing more than any bear ever killed in these mountains.

A few of Professor Dinwiddle's friends have prevailed upon him to take a few pounds off the reported weight, which he has done, but it still remains a monster.

## POST OFFICE IS TAKEN ACROSS THE SLOUGH, THEN RETURNED AS "POSTMASTER BROUGHT TO SENSES"

PORTERVILLE, July 27, 1889 — On Sunday last, by order of the new postmaster, C. C. Belknap, the postoffice was removed from its old place on Main street to the Kessing block, south of the slough, and Porterville is still fermenting over the action.

Tuesday last, a meeting was called in the hall of the new Pioneer hotel, when over 150 of our most prominent merchants and citizens attended. P. P. Davis called the meeting to order; Dr. P. F. Chapman was elected chairman; R. P. Putnam and R. Baker were named vice chairmen and P. P. Davis and M. J. O'Clancey, secretaries.

Following the passing of a resolution to the postmaster general demanding that the post office be

returned, Judge Redd made the following verbal comment:

"This is an old town. The post office, up to this time, has been located in the old spot for 16 years and since its removal, the town seems changed.

"Why should this me? Are we men to allow this stripling (Postmaster Belknap) to come along and coerce us? Shall the majority rule, or shall it not? Shall one man come here and play football with us without our sanction?

"No. A thousand times no! Let us made use of our rights as free-born citizens and protect our town against the encroachments of outsiders."

PORTERVILLE, Oct. 2, 1889 — At last Postmaster Belknap has been brought to his senses; the folly of his ways has arisen before him like a ghoul in a quagmire, and he has decided to remove the postoffice back to within a few yards from where he took it three months ago.

We thought J. F. Kessing had taken him across the slough to stay, but the voice of the people had to be heard, and this, fellow citizens, is a great victory for us in this battle of Might against Right.

And when Mr. Belknap is cool-

## PARADE

(Continued From Page 1)  
program is a baseball game on the Porterville Municipal field, with the Porterville Merchants, a strong semi-professional outfit, meeting the Fresno All Stars from the Fresno Winter league.

Both the afternoon football game and baseball game will start at 2:00 o'clock.

Evening program will include two dances — Cousin Herb and his Trading Post Gang will be at the Green Mill to entertain and provide music for dancing; at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall a square dance jamboree is expected to draw dancers from throughout the southern valley.

In connection with the celebration, a carnival will play Porterville, November 4 to November 12.

Veterans who will be working during the day will gather for breakfast at the American Legion hall at 5:00 a.m. the morning of November 11, after which they will rope off streets, construct parade seats for Pioneers and Gold Star parents adjacent to the city hall, direct formation of the parade, and take care of other work during the day.

The annual November 11 celebration — started shortly after World War I, has become the community's leading fall event and is expected to draw some 40,000 persons from the entire southern San Joaquin valley.

Sponsoring the celebration are Porterville Post 20, The American Legion, and the American Legion Auxiliary; Mt. Whitney Post 2001, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the VFW Auxiliary.

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ing his heels in the new brick building that is being constructed by the Pioneer company between the Pioneer hotel and the Billingsley stable, he will also be thinking why he did not follow our advice sooner.

## MEMORIAL

(Continued From Page One)

ister of the First Congregational church, will deliver the sermon: "Waging Peace." The Congregational Church choir, directed by John Staton, will sing.

Other ministers who will participate in the services include: The Rev. Ellis E. Peterson, First Methodist church; Rev. Rolland Carter, Terra Bella Presbyterian church; Rev. Joel Edmonds, First Christian church; Rev. Burris Morford, First Baptist church and the Rev. E. C. Schneider, Evangelical United Brethren church.

Appearing in the musical section of the program will be: Mrs. Anton Konda, Miss Gloria Bergt and Mrs. Raymond Neufeld.

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Thursday, November 3, 1955

## Francis Noble Gault Scholarship Established To Assist Students Graduating From Porterville High

By Miss Ina Stiner

Mrs. Viva G. Gault was the second person to leave at death an estate for scholarships for graduates of Porterville High school. This endowment fund was made a memorial for her husband, Francis Noble Gault. Col. and Mrs. Gault came to teach in Porterville Union High school in 1924; he was the military commandant and instructor and also instructor in boys' physical education and in athletics, and taught mathematics; also he became vice-principal and in 1928 was made Dean in charge of the Junior College.

Mrs. Gault taught Latin from 1924 to 1945, and during part of that time English and library. F. N. Gault was born June 5, 1881, and was a graduate of Wesleyan

university. In 1905-6 he was a cadet in the U. S. Revenue Cutter service; in the first World War he was a captain; then in the Infantry reserve he became, in 1924, a lieutenant-colonel. At the time of his death on August 26, 1929, he was Lieutenant-Colonel in the 363rd Infantry Reserve at Del Monte, California.

While on his way to the training of his regiment at Camp Del Monte in July, 1929, he had, in an automobile accident, an injury which he did not suppose was serious; so he went on to report for duty. But he was sent to Letterman General hospital and died there.

This is the praise of his commanding officer in the statement issued at that time: "Throughout his career, Lt. Col. Gault was equal to the requirements of the num-

about her desire to found a scholarship; so her lawyer, Max Jamison, was called. Said Miss Campbell: "She sold her home, her car, and her furniture from her bed before she was removed to the hospital." Concerning the scholarship, she told Miss Campbell — a member of the high school scholarship committee — "that she wanted it understood that it be given to a student who had taken Latin and that will show promise of being a student and is going to college and is worthy — one who can really and truly dig and get an education and know the value of it."

A little thought will prove that she did not over-estimate the value of studying Latin — the basic language for the Romance languages of Southern Europe and entering largely into root and prefix and suffix meanings of English words; the common world language of the Roman Catholic church and of medicine and pharmacy and of the biological science. (An American physician can consult in Latin with a physician from Spain, Italy, France or Germany.) Moreover, studying the simple structure and grammar of the Latin is an eye-opener to the grammar of the English language which is too often taken for granted and not really known and used.

Mrs. Gault had no near living relatives; Col. Gault had only a brother and his wife and daughter. The latter, whose education was already completed, had been taken by Mrs. Gault on a tour of Europe; so Mrs. Gault had fulfilled the obligations as to her money, part of

which had come from Col. Gault's insurance and which was well invested. She died December 6, 1945 and was buried on the ninth with honors given by the high school faculty and student body.

This is the wording in her Last Will and Testament with regard to the scholarship fund: "Fifteenth: I give, devise and bequeath all of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, and wheresoever situated, to the trustee of said Porterville Union High school. It is my wish that this gift constitute an

endowment to be known as the "Francis Noble Gault Scholarship Endowment Fund", and the same or the proceeds arising from the sale thereof may be invested by the said trustees and the income thereof used annually by them in their discretion to assist needy students who have completed high school and have graduated from said institution and who intend to pursue a course of higher education, preference being given to those who in their course of study have included at least two years

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F. N. Gault



Viva Glenn Gault

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## Francis Noble Gault

(Continued from Previous Page) of Latin. In designating a student to be assisted, the trustees should have regard to his or her financial circumstances, general worthiness of character, and diligence and capacity for growth as evidenced by his or her record and grades and the opinions of his or her

teachers, and note should be taken of the difficulty of the courses pursued. In designating the students to be assisted, having regard for the amount of income which may be available, the number thereof may be determined by the trustees and, in their discretion, may be either the most

representative boy and girl or just one student. It is requested that such annual endowment be presented to the student or students on graduation night. It is not my intention by the foregoing to create a trust with respect to the residue of my estate."

The fund available from the estate was about \$45,000.00. It was placed in the Trust department of

## Ditch Companies Plan To Compromise Rather Than To Continue Lawsuits Over Division Of Tule River Water

PORTERVILLE, July 8, 1904 — There was a meeting in Porterville Saturday of the stockholders of the Poplar Ditch company, Rhodes and Fine Ditch company, Porter Slough company and the Hubbs and Miner Ditch company, the result of which, if carried out, will insure a settlement of the distribution of water for irrigation purposes, and litigation for the future will be avoided.

The object of the meeting was to effect a compromise between these ditch companies, which at present are in a complication of lawsuits just started, so as to divide the water when it gets low.

E. A. May was elected chairman of the meeting, which was most harmonious throughout, and it looks from the results as though the compromise will be effected. The committee appointed to work on the compromise are as follows: Hubbs and Miner Ditch Co. —

Dave Udell and George Miner; Poplar Ditch Co. — Sam Dale and E. A. May; Porter Slough Ditch Co. — J. A. Hannah, John Van Emon and Henry Hunsaker; Rhodes and Fine Ditch Co. — C. C. Ridgeway and Harry Quinn.

When the meeting terminated, it adjourned to meet in Visalia at the call of the attorneys — Hannah and Muller and George Murry for the Porter Slough Ditch Co., and C. G. Lamberson for the other ditches.

Directors of these ditches are to be congratulated on the idea of compromise, for it will save litigation, blowing up of dams and the various troubles that have always been uppermost among the respective ditches on account of water rights.

Thousands of dollars have been spent in years gone by in useless litigation, and the money thus wasted could have been spent in several ways in conserving the water, a good deal of which is now lost and wasted by evaporation and seepage.

More and more people are demanding water as they come to settle in this country, and unless something is done to take care of the water and conserve it, it will be hard to obtain.

### MOUNTAIN LIONS AT SPRINGVILLE

SPRINGVILLE, December 18, 1903 — Two mountain lions, with their cubs, passed the Ben May's place in Rural last week, and the mules turned somersaults for a while. The cattle headers on Black Mountain say that bear and deer are numerous, but they do not see many lions.

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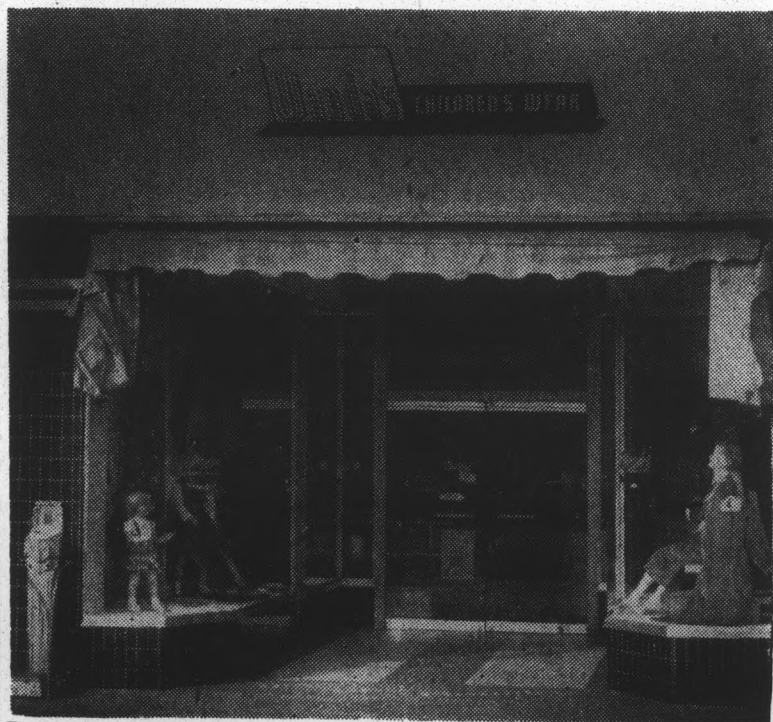


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# LUD JONES HOMES FALLS IN PATH OF PROGRESS AS SUBDIVISION OPENED IN AREA OF NORTH SECOND STREET

PORTERVILLE, Sept. 2, 1954 — Another old building — the Lud Jones home on north Second street, will soon give way to progress in Porterville, yet back in the 1890s it was pretty well out in the country, and from its front porch

a person could watch polo ponies and race horses being trained on a track that eventually became Second street.

The house was built by the late Lud Jones in 1894. At that time he owned a 10-acre ranch that

covered a good part of "Ice Cream Flat", and in the large barn that stood near the house he stabled horses for the Hobart Spreckles and Carroll families during the winter.

He kept Second street harrowed up between the Pioneer ditch and Morton street for use as a half-mile exercise track, and in those days, that was the major use for

that particular area of Second street.

The Jones house was built from lumber obtained at the old Enterprise mill, Mr. Jones having worked there. Gene Giddings helped with construction; only other nearby place was the Myron Giddings home to the south.

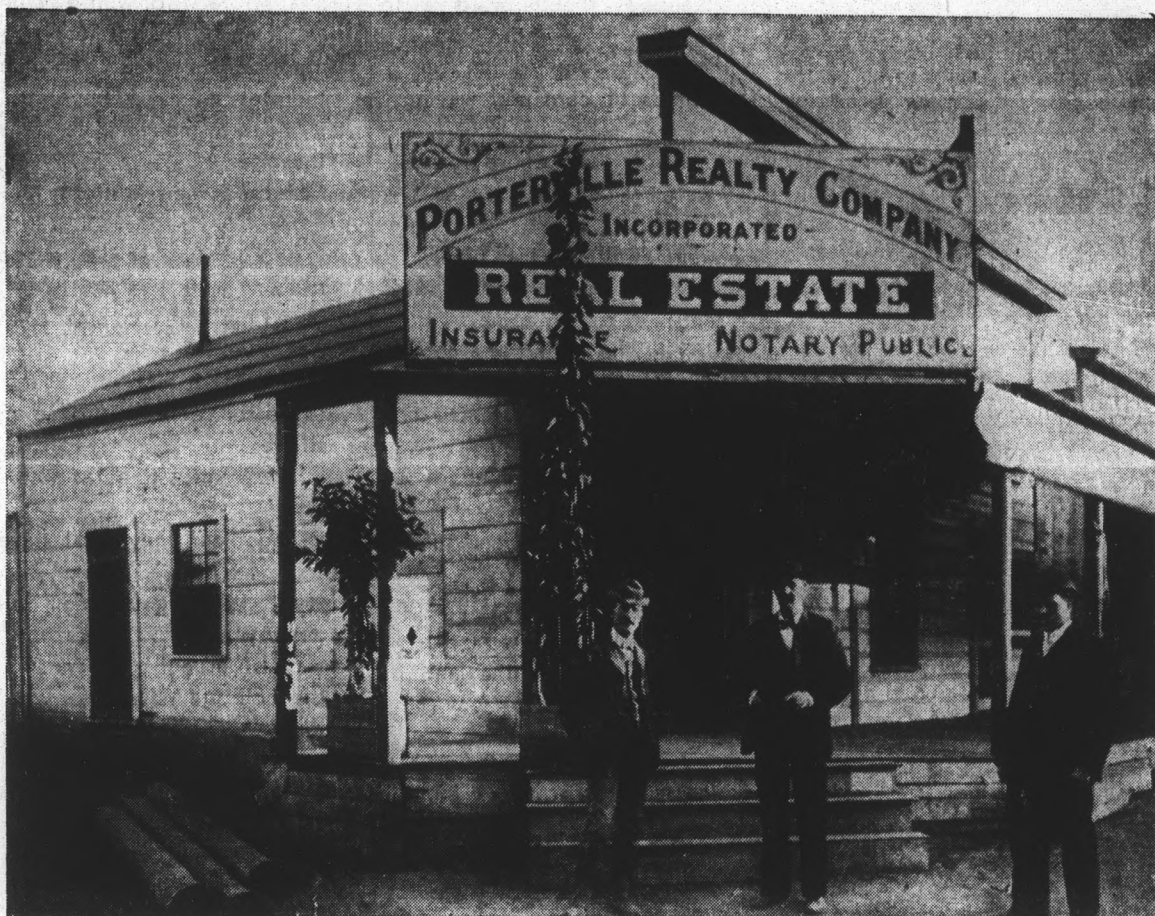
Apricots and pears were grown on the Jones ranch, which extended back to Sunnyside; later the ranch was planted to alfalfa. Ralph Jones, of Porterville, who was born in the house, remembers that during spring months, water would

come into fence post holes dug on the ranch.

Mrs. Ella Jones, the wife of Lud Jones, still resides on the property, living in a modern adobe brick home. The former ranch is now practically all in subdivision for residential and business property.

## NO TROUBLE IN PORTERVILLE

PORTERVILLE, May 9, 1906 — Did you ever hear of a more peaceable town than Porterville? There hasn't been enough doing in the criminal line the past few months to make the peace officers feel comfortable.



GROWTH IN Porterville has, through the years, been steady and constant, without sudden booms that have marked some other areas. One of the early-day

real estate firms that contributed to this growth was the Porterville Realty company, office of which is shown above. (Do you remember where this office was located?) In

the picture are, left to right: Robert Horbach, J. N. Larson and Anton Konda. Tree on right appears to be an orange seedling.

(Hammond photo)

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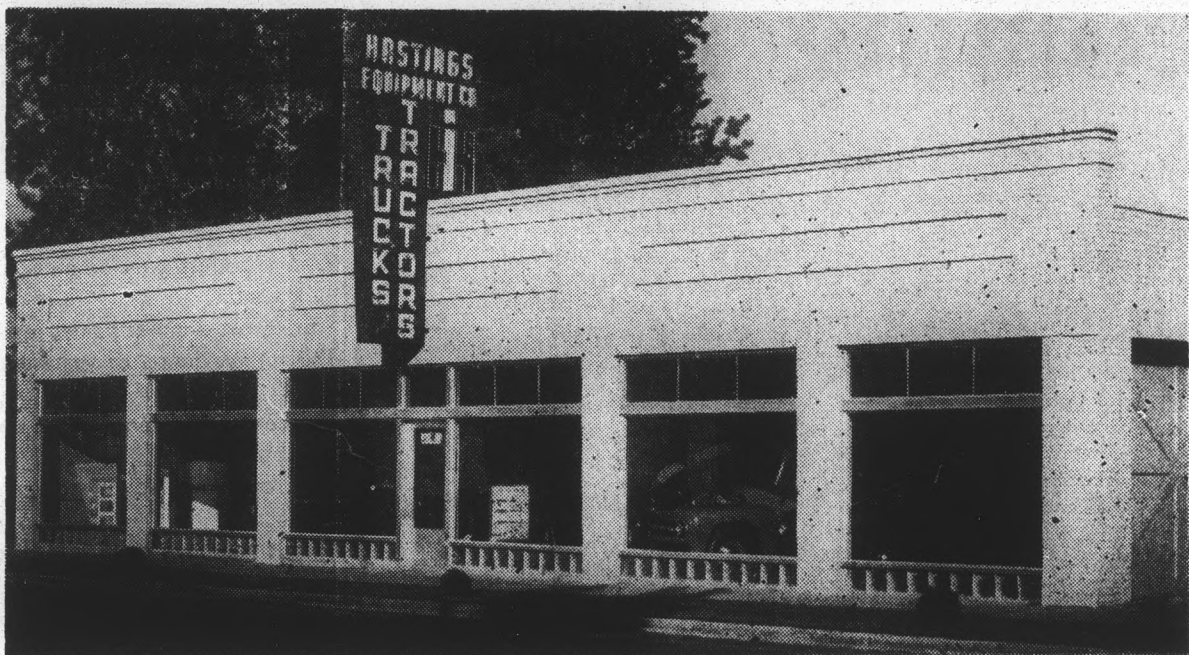
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mons of Visalia, who is now a guest at the Hotel Del Venado, is all the rage, but so far the above named lady is the champion and therefore still holds the belt, a beautiful concern of her own invention.

**CAMP NELSON  
A Sierra Saga**  
By Harold A. Cole



Along the high Sierra trails  
He rode alone, this pioneer;  
He knew the charm of solitude  
And in his heart he knew no fear.  
The trails might fail, still on he rode  
Until he to the summit came;  
And then, afar from man's abode  
He rested by the campfire's flame.

Upon his bed of piney boughs  
He lay and watched the starry  
gleam;

And then when eyelids fain would

close  
He slept, and lo, within a dream  
He saw a valley, fair and green,  
Where seldom ever man had trod;  
And tumbling waters, pure and  
clean,  
And he was there, alone with God.

He woke and went upon his way  
When lo, far down the mountain  
side  
He saw again the land of dreams  
And knew that there he must abide.  
The meadows, though, were yet to  
be  
And yet his vision told him true  
That fields of corn and waving  
grain  
He'd live to see, where forests  
grew.

He went away and told his kin  
That he had found the promised  
land;  
And when the springtime came  
again  
They made their trek, a sturdy  
band,  
O'er trails that sheep and cows  
had known;  
They climbed the hills and forded  
streams  
And cleared the paths with brush  
o'ergrown

To reach their goal, the land of

dreams.  
With crudest tools, they built a  
home  
A shelter from the snow and rain;  
Tho' snug and warm, it never knew  
The luxury of a window pane.  
The poles and slabs and cedar bark  
Became a shelter for the stock;  
The fowl must be protected too  
'Gainst coyotes and chicken hawk.

They hunted lions, bear, and deer,  
And salted meat for winter's store;  
They cut and dried the jerky, too,  
(It made a stew that called for  
more);  
They cleared the thickets, felled  
the trees,  
And stacked their winter's fuel  
high;  
They packed supplies o'er rugged  
trails  
'Gainst time when summer'd say  
goodbye.

And then for years they toiled and  
strove;  
Their home knew grief as well as  
joy;  
Discouragement they must have  
known  
And yet, naught could their faith  
destroy.  
Hats off to all our pioneers  
Whose courage never seemed to  
fail;  
Whose sturdiness and vision clear  
Preserved for us this mountain vale.

John Nelson needs no epitaph,  
His memory lives in hearts of men  
His kindness could tame a deer  
And coax it from its mountain  
glen.  
The dogs and horses knew in him  
A friend unlike no other friend.  
Beloved by all who knew him well  
He bravely faced the long trail's  
end.

The trails have given way to roads;  
The old rail fence has gone to stay;  
No more do pack trains bring the  
mail  
It comes by auto stage today.  
The sheep remain, but mow the  
course  
Where golfers play on meadows  
green.  
Pretentious summer homes replace  
The humble home of yestere'en.

The camps and tents where guests  
abode  
(Before Camp Nelson scarce was  
known)  
Long since have gone into discard  
Like clothes that children have out-  
grown.  
The cruel flames have twice de-  
stroyed  
The hostleries we loved so well,  
But from their ashes soon will rise  
A new and modern Camp Hotel.

The rocky cap of Jordan Peak,  
Old Speinkopf and Belleknap Rock  
Look down upon the valley green.  
What might they tell could they  
but talk.

The sunset glow on rocks and trees  
Will never less of beauty show,  
Nor may the ruthless march of time  
Impede the tumbling Tule's flow.

That courage of the pioneer  
(A truly priceless heritage)  
Is still alive and shining clear  
At this late day, in this new age.  
To those who've held the guiding  
reins

O'er Nelson Camp for many a  
year,  
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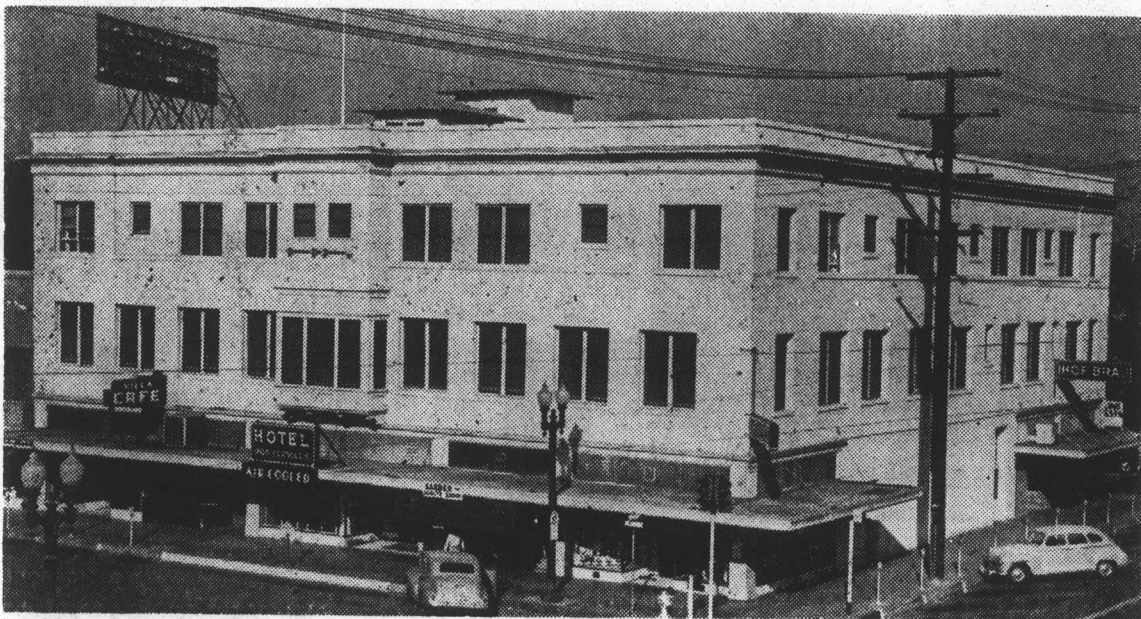
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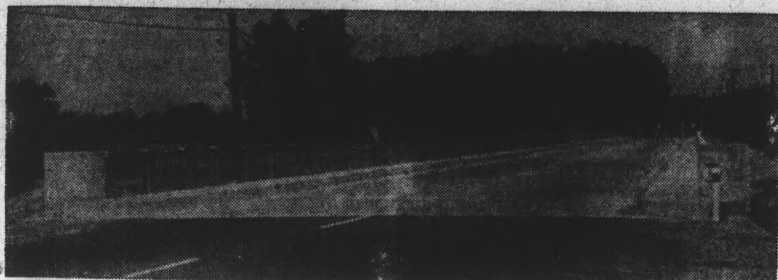
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ABOUT 1900 the Plano bridge looked considerably different than the modern structure that is now in use. Right photo shows a general view of the bridge (men unidentified), while lower photo shows Coulie Harper Niles and Jim Niles in the buggy, and Lena Young Willis, standing. In the small photo is the modern Plano bridge, considerably different than the old structure. (Photos courtesy Howard J. Frame, Mrs. Otis Brough).

### DEER CREEK MINING COMPANY READY TO SELL STOCK AND START DEVELOPMENT

PORTERVILLE, May 19, 1906 — The Deer Creek Mining company, in which A. Barnaby, A. M. Lumley, V. D. Knupp and others are interested, will soon be ready to dispose of several thousand shares of stock for the purpose of raising money to develop the Deer Creek mine.

#### A Sierra Saga

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We hope that time your cup o'erflows

With health and wealth and right good cheer.

Up in the pines at Camp Nelson,  
There's where we long to stay;  
Pine scented breezes that sing a drowsy song,

Make us feel happy all the day long;

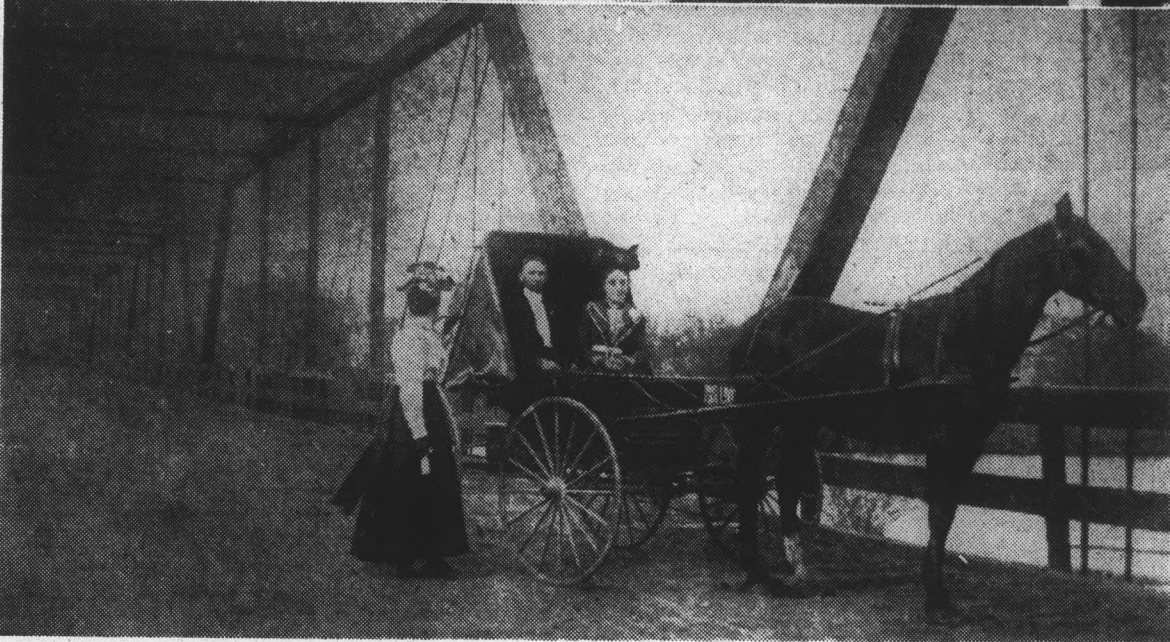
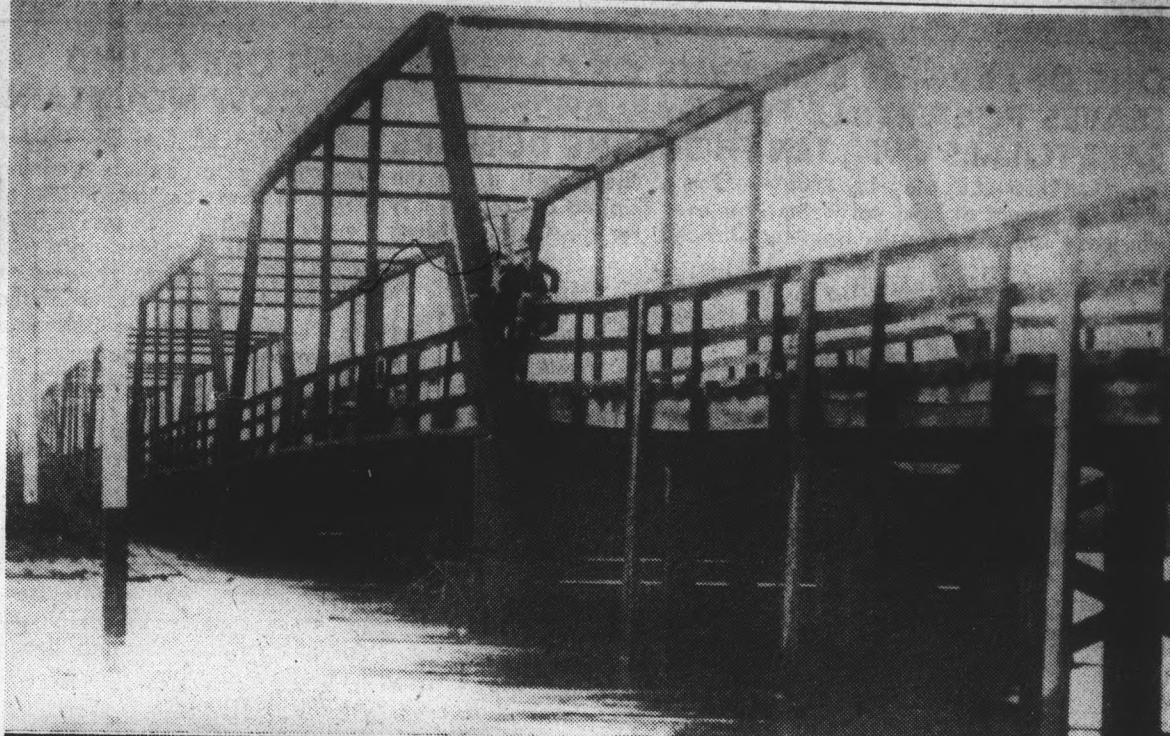
Up in the pines at Camp Nelson  
We'll meet again some day.

— September 7, 1927

The mine is located on the county road about seven miles this side of Hot Springs; it was originally discovered and opened by Henry Sorrels, and others. The lodge is rich in gold, the ore testing from \$3.00 to \$14.00 per ton, and is three to six feet in width.

Considerable development work has been done, several hundred feet of tunnel being already completed. The location is favorable for a stamp mill, being on the county road and near water. Idea is to sell enough stock to put in a mill and begin taking out gold.

The company will incorporate for \$500,000, divided into 500,000 shares at a value of \$1.00 each.



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### Trees Seen Standing In Kern River Lakes

SPRINGVILLE, April 15, 1904— A pioneer tells us that he visited the lakes on Big Kern 35 years ago and in those days trees were standing in the lakes as they do in the forests, showing that the lakes had been recently formed by landslides caused by an earthquake. He tells us that in those days mountain sheep were quite numerous in the rocky regions of the Kaweah, this side of Mineral King.

### College Presidents Undecided On Football

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15, 1905 — The association of presidents of state universities, which is in session here, was unable to come to an agreement yesterday on the question of endorsing or condemning football as played in American colleges.

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## ONE OF LARGEST SHIPMENTS OF CATTLE LEAVES PORTERVILLE FOR OAKLAND; SALE TOTALS OVER TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS

PORTERVILLE, May 19, 1906 — One of the largest, if not the largest shipment of beef cattle that was ever shipped out of this city will leave today by special train for Oakland, for the Oakland Meat company.

The stock was purchased by R. E. Young, special buyer for the company, who says the cattle are one of the finest lots ever gathered in this part of the state.

One particularly fine lot was that of C. O. Gill, numbering 100 head of two-year-old steers. An-

other fine lot was that of Mrs. J. C. Hodges and sons, who consigned about 100 head of steers and young cows. There was also a shipment of some 40 head from Gus Richardson's, and 17 head sold by Frank White.

A special train was sent in from the main line to pick up the shipment, totalling 11 cars. The entire lot brought over \$10,000.00.

## FEWER CATTLE ON FOREST LAND

PORTERVILLE, Dec. 1, 1903 — Instructions have been received here through Charles S. Newhall, superintendent of forest reserves, at Fresno, that cattlemen who desire to apply for grazing privileges can secure application blanks from the Fresno office. Owing to overstocking last year and poor outlook for grazing, 13,000 instead of 20,000 head will be allowed on the reserve the coming season. After January 1, 1904, hogs will not be allowed to run on the reserve.

## Brain Food Diet Called Nonsense

PORTERVILLE, Dec. 15, 1901 — Another ridiculous food fad has been branded by the most competent authorities. They have dispelled the silly notion that one kind of food is needed for the brain, another for muscles and still another for bones. A correct diet will not only nourish a particular part of the body, but will sustain every other part as well.

## RICH ORE FOUND ON COW MOUNTAIN

PORTERVILLE, Dec. 25, 1903 —

There is said to be quite a mining fever in the neighborhood of Daunt, caused by rich assays from Cow Mountain mining territory. One assay is said to have gone \$800.00 to the ton. Some of the ore has been assayed in Colorado, and mining experts are now on their way here from that state to investigate as to the richness of the strike.

## Mystery Death On Mt. Denison

MILO, July 8, 1904 — Mt. Denison is keeping well the mystery concerning the death of young Costlio. An unsuspecting young man who was highly educated in reading human nature, was, without doubt, lured to his death in the cavernous canyons of rocky Mt. Denison. People say this in whispers and a few are bold enough to speak it aloud. Will the mountain ever give up its dead?

DON'T FORGET THE BIG HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

## First Step Taken Toward A Library With Formation Of Association; Subscription List Is Being Sought

PORTERVILLE, Dec. 25, 1903 — The first step toward a public library has been taken, and this week the Porterville Library association has been formed. The association was formed for the purpose of being able to borrow traveling libraries from the California State library.

The signers of the agreement are: Wilko Mentz, J. H. James, C. N. Flanders, J. H. Williams and A. M. Lumley, whose identity and responsibility will be certified to by the Superior court judge of the county. On application of the secretary, T. D. Mansfield, who has been appointed by the association to represent it in all dealings with the state library, the library, consisting of 50 volumes, will be forthcoming.

However, before application is made, a subscription list will be circulated, asking for members, who will pay one dollar down and fifty cents a month toward keep-



WILKO MENTZ, Porterville's first mayor and a pioneer business man, who was one of five signers of an agreement, in 1903, that marked the first step in securing a public library in Porterville.

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## "Woman's Sacrifice" At Opera House

PORTERVILLE, Dec. 18, 1903 — The ever popular and well known Elleford company has been giving a No. 1 performance at the Opera House. The pieces for the balance of the week are, "A Woman's Sacrifice", which is considered to be one of the strongest in the repertoire, and "New York Day By Day."

The children will have a treat in "Jack and the Beanstalk", Happy Houligan and his mishaps and the Katzenjammer Kids. There are catchy specialties with each performance; Saturday matinee prices are 15 cents for children, adults, 25 cents.

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# BURFORD'S WAS FIRST DEPARTMENT STORE IN PORTERVILLE; GENERAL MERCHANDISE FIRM OPENED IN 1897

By Miss Ina Stiner

J. Will Burford was the eldest son of Benjamin E. Burford, a pioneer grocer, who was in Vandalia in 1874 and went to Tipton when it was thriving on the new Southern Pacific Railroad. There Will met and married Pearl Keller, who was born in Glennville, while her father, Henry Keller, a mining engineer, began developing mines in that and the White River area.

She and her mother had gone to Tipton not long after her father's death; and there her mother had a millinery shop. In 1897, after their marriage, the Will Burfords came to Porterville and opened a general merchandise store in the Putnam-Traeger building; the Henry Traegers at that time lived in the upstairs part. When they had the opportunity, about 1903, the Burfords rented

the south half of the lower floor of the Putnam-Ackerman building and remained there also after Thos. L. Price bought the building.

There they had the first department store in Porterville, as distinguished from the older general merchandise type; that is, they put into separate departments their groceries, drygoods, men's clothing, shoes, jewelry, and millinery. The hall upstairs was being used for road shows (such as the Spickett, Eleford, and Shaw shows), and also for lodges. The Rebecas and the Ladies of the Macca-

bees (now the Women's Benefit association) met there.

Will Burford was in the Fire Department and was fire chief in 1908-9. In 1910 the Burfords sold; Sam Williams, who bought most of the stock, lived west of town and was the owner of one of the early automobiles; he had an accident because he tried to stop it

with a "Whoa"

The Burfords went to Juneau, Alaska, where he and his brothers were in the mercantile business, and where Pearl Burford taught music. Since Mr. Burford's death, Mrs. Pearl Burford, having orange and olive property here, has returned to live in Porterville; their son, Wilbur, still lives in Alaska.



FIRST DEPARTMENT store in Porterville was operated by Will Burford, with the store shown in the above photo, occupying what is now the Hodgson building. Taken sometime shortly after turn of the

century, the picture indicates that Porterville had no parking problem in those days, just a few buggies along the curb and one of those new fangled automobiles in the middle of Main street. Sign

indicating office of the Porterville Messenger can be seen on the building that now houses Cobb Drug company. (Photo courtesy F. R. Farnsworth).

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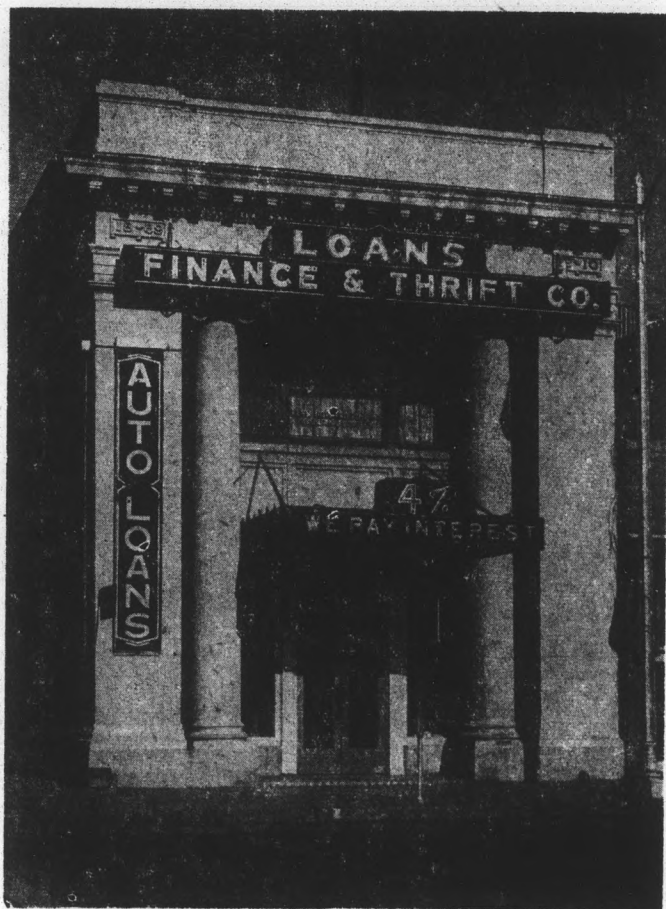
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MANY ARE the stories told of good times at the old Clubhouse, on the middle Tule above Springville. In the early 1900s, the club-

house was just about the "end of the road", and hunting and fishing there was good. In the above photo, the group on the porch of

the clubhouse, are, left to right: George Hartley, John Cutler, Edna Cutler Hartley, Tudie Gilmer Cutler and May Cutler.

## FIREMEN PLAN MASQUERADE CHRISTMAS BALL

PORTERVILLE, Dec. 20, 1902—Porterville Volunteer Fire department will hold a grand masquerade ball Christmas night, December 25. Valuable prizes will be awarded and music will be provided by the Rites orchestra of Fresno.

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## WILLIAM E. MASTON IS BREAKING HORSES

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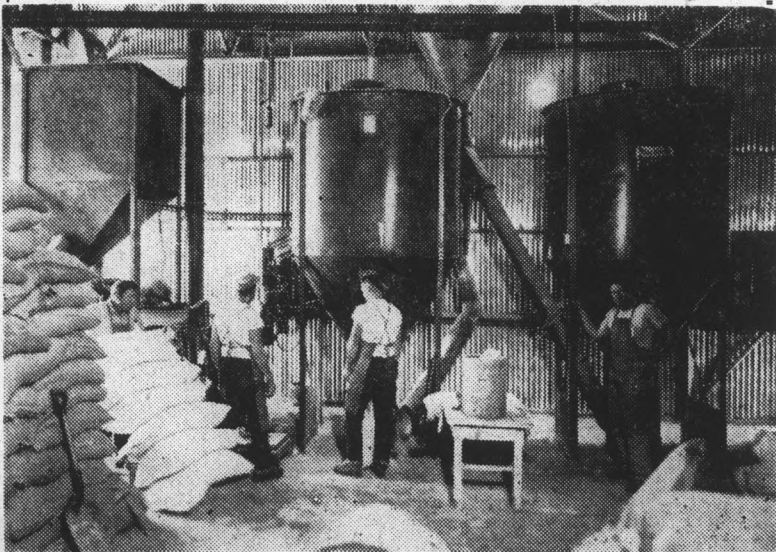
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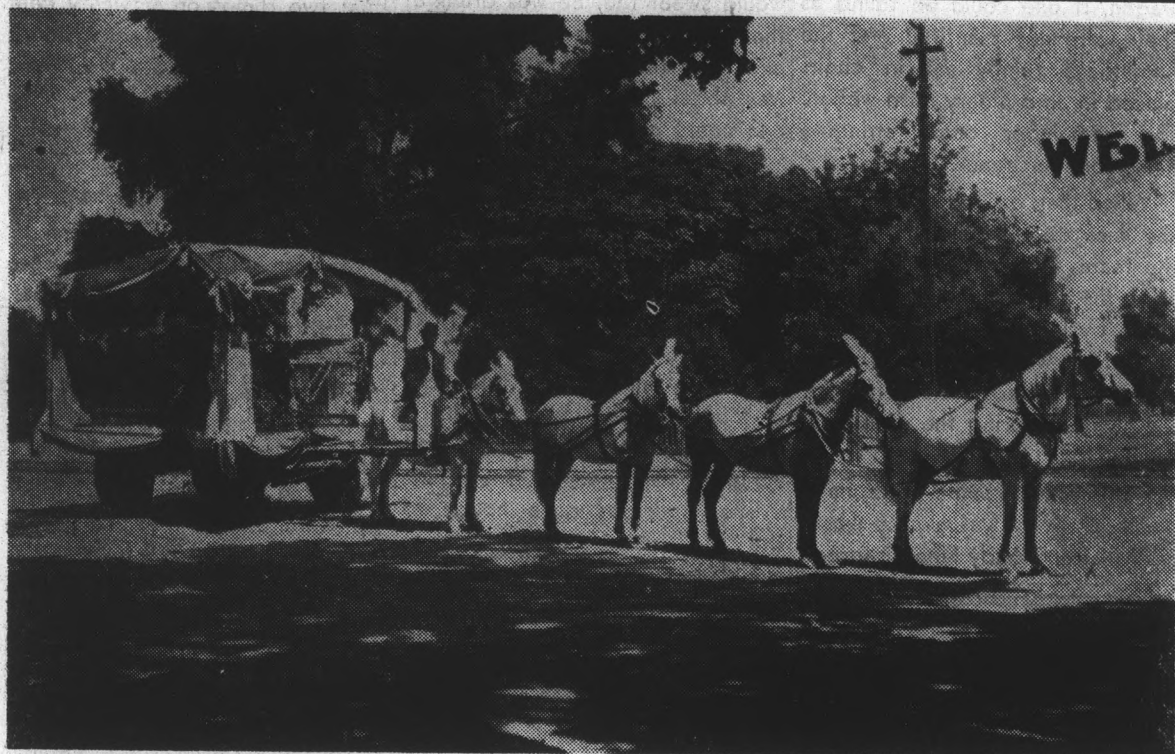
# THE FARM TRIBUNE

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Thursday, November 3, 1955



PORTERVILLE HAS always loved a parade, and some of the pioneers who attend the 1955 Homecoming November 11 and watch the modern floats go by, might recall the above float that appeared in the Porterville parade in observance

of the Fourth of July in 1903. Miss Pearle Zalud used this photo on a Christmas card a year or so ago, and her words on that card bear repeating. "I hope this brings a smile. I wish it could bring to our beloved land that Peace and Se-

curity we knew 50 years ago, when we listened with reverence to the reading of the Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights each Fourth of July celebration. It is all so indelibly bound to our Christianity, I felt it fitting to use as my greeting card."

## Early Days In Woodville Community Recalled By Pioneer Whose Family Came To The Area In January, 1875

By A. L. Dickey

My father and mother, with their family, moved from the state of Maine to Tulare county in 1874. The progress across the country was slow; it took weeks from Omaha to Marysville on an immigrant train. We remained at Marysville for two weeks visiting my mother's brothers. We then started for Porterville by train. There was a transfer at Goshen to the Visalia branch, and from there to Porterville by stage.

There we met my father's brother, Dr. Calvin Dickey, and went to Parson Gilliam's ranch, a few miles west, which was to be our headquarters until other arrangements could be made. On the first day of January, 1875, my father and his brothers went to Woodville and began construction of a building which was to be the Woodville store or trading post. It was located to the southwest of the cross roads, about where the cotton gin now stands.

The Woodville postoffice has been established sometime earlier, and Parson Slover, a Baptist minister, was appointed postmaster. He was also Justice of the Peace. Mail was brought from Tipton twice a week on horseback by Mr. Kerrick.

Within a radius of four or five miles there were the following settlers: North and northwest — Jeff Ray and Parson Slover, Tom Lewis, Grimsley, John Roath and John Owens. To the north and northeast — Andrew Vossler, Sutherland, Henry Harris, John Ball, Joe Vossler, Grandpa Raimsey, Widow Dennis, Fred Pfile and the Blairs. On the south and southwest — Keller, Mike Giligan, Zeke Callison and John McCabe. To the west were Mr. Spence, John Bigham and Mrs. Fuquay.

Descendents of some of these families still live in the same sections. The principal industry was cattle and sheep raising. Farm-

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### THEY DON'T LIKE THE RANGER

SPRINGVILLE, July 1, 1904 — Numbers of people don't like a certain forest ranger here and they

are thinking up a polite little petition asking Captain White to transfer this ranger to the territory around Mt. Whitney, or down on the desert somewheres.



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## Early Days In Woodville Community

(Continued from previous page) ing was in its infancy. Tom Fowler owned most of the cattle in that district. His brand was 76. Ben Trefry, Mike Giligan and Harry Quinn were the principal sheepmen.

I remember my first term in school quite distinctly. Our teacher was a man by the name of Barnum and he was strict. He assigned each class the next day's lesson and they had better have it when the class was called up for recitation the next day. If one failed to answer such questions as were asked him, it was just too bad. Someone had topped the oak trees that surrounded the school house a few years prior, and there was an abundance of nice, long oak sprouts, and the

school teacher was very adept in the use of these.

The school house was located just across the road from the present Woodville cemetery. They also had rip-roaring camp meetings at this place during the summer months.

One thing that made quite an impression on me was the method of caring for the dead. Funerals were quite infrequent, except in 1877 and 1878 when we had an epidemic of diphtheria, which took a very large per cent of the children. There was but one doctor and he was an old army surgeon who knew little of the present trouble. If quinine or calomel didn't do the trick, he lost.

There were several instances where a family buried two in a

single grave. In case of a death, the neighbors dug the grave and the neighbor women dressed and prepared the corpse. When it came time to go to the cemetery, the corpse was placed in a spring wagon, if one could be found as they were not plentiful, and the immediate family sat in chairs placed in an ordinary farm wagon. The remainder came stringing along on horseback.

When they arrived at the grave, the lines were taken from one of the teams and were used for lowering the coffin. The coffins were made by local carpenters, in fact my father was busy most of his time making those little coffins for the children during the diphtheria epidemic.

I well remember the first funeral I attended. It was a case where Tip Miles and Andy Fine disagreed

about the attention they should pay to a certain young lady, and the final outcome was that Miles shot and killed Fine. The killing of a man at that time was not such an offense. If the killer would swear that he was drunk at the time, that was a pretty good alibi, but the stealing of a horse was about the most serious crime one could commit.

At one time in Bakersfield, the Slocumb (Yoakum?) brothers shot and killed a man up on Kern river because he was about to file a government claim on some land that they were trying to cover up. They and three Mexican horse thieves were taken out of the Bakersfield jail, on Christmas eve by the Vigilantes, and hanged to a tree.

The Vigilantes gave notice to the rougher element that they would do well to move, and it was taken in earnest, for some of them departed without even saying goodbye. One in particular didn't stop to get his hat, and walked all the way from Bakersfield to Woodville without one, and, as he passed Woodville, he spied an old wreck lying beside the road, which he promptly put to use after giving it a few thumps to knock the dirt out of it.

The year 1877 was extremely dry. There were but two rains of any consequence for the whole season, and the cattle and sheep suffered greatly. Many died for lack of feed and it caused much strife among the stock men. The sheep men constantly kept moving their herds along the roads, foraging what little that could be found.

Dr. Calvin Dickey was a traveling dentist before this merchandising venture, and still continued some of his practice after locating at Woodville. His "long suit" was extracting and plate making. He was an artist at plate making. As for extracting, if he ever got hold of a tooth, it came out, if some of the jaw bone had to come with it.

The Woodville store was a congregating place for the cowboys when they were not busy working stock, and much bickering was always going on, usually a drink of whiskey was the stakes. The stock of merchandise was not of a great

variety. That of first importance was whiskey, then tobacco, then flour, sugar, beans, coffee, soda crackers, sardines, and canned oysters and so on down the line.

The price of a drink was two bits; two dimes or a twenty cent piece would do. Tobacco brands were Horseshoe, Star, Climax; each cost \$1.00 per pound. They all came in one-pound plugs for retail, and were packed in 50 and 25 pound butts. Bull Durham was 25 cents for a two ounce bag.

Some patent medicines were kept and such drugs as Blue Mass, Asafedity, Niter, Capsecum and Quinine, which was sold in one ounce bottles. Others were Laudenum, Jamaica Ginger, Dr. James' tonic and Vermifuge.

A dose of Quinine was rather uncertain; usually what one got on the blade of a table knife taken as it came from the bottle, and sometimes a little black coffee was taken as a chaser. That was before capsules were made.

There were many exciting times and all took part. There was the spring roundup, the slaughter of cattle out near the Callison ranch, the Sweet and Fisher grain fire on what I believe is now part of the Cairns ranch. People came for miles to help fight that fire, which burned for a couple of days.

This about winds up my recollections to 1881, when my father sold his interest in the Woodville store and moved to Churchill, now Yettum.

(From Los Tulares, quarterly bulletin of the Tulare County Historical Society.

### TEMPERANCE CANDIDATES WINNERS AT SELMA

SELMA, April 11 — After a vigorous campaign, all of the temperance candidates were elected at the municipal election here today by an average majority of 30 votes out of 318. This was the largest vote ever cast in Selma. The church bells were rung and the preachers paraded the streets singing.

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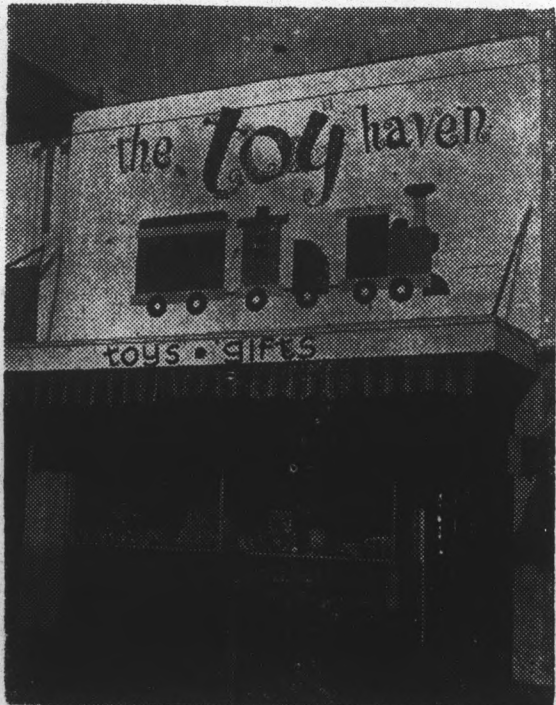
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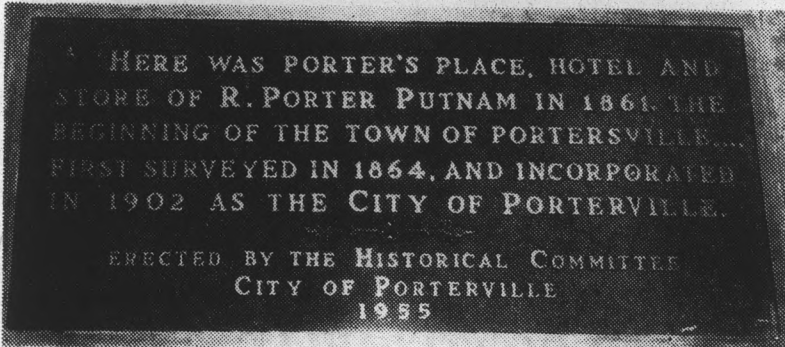
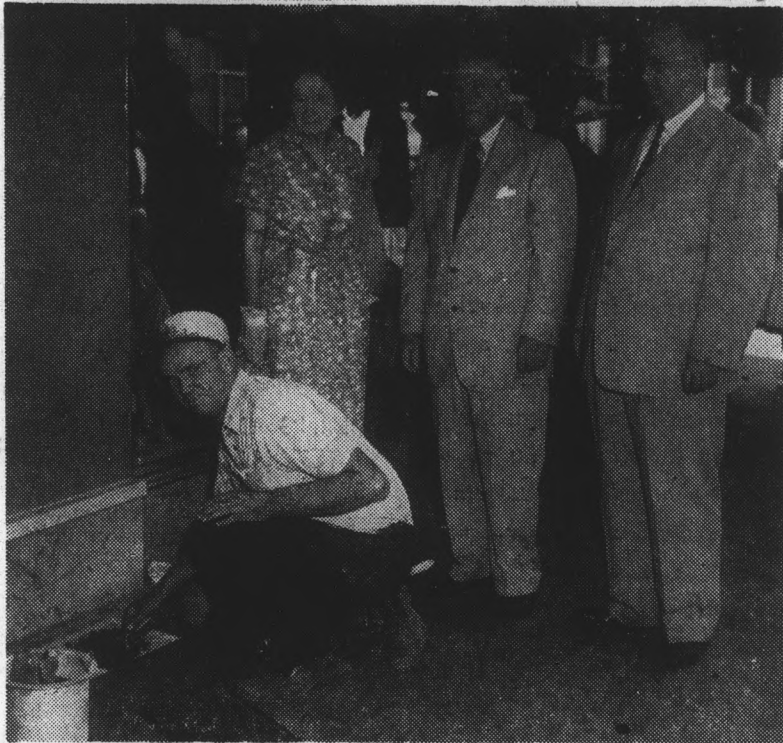
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## SITE OF PORTER'S PLACE IS MARKED BY COMMITTEE



Pioneers returning to Porterville November 11 will find that the founder of the city — Royal Porter Putnam — has been honored by the placing of a bronze plaque near Oak street on the east side of Main, at location of Porter's Place, the store and hotel that was built by Porter Putnam in 1861 as the first development in what was to become the city of Porterville.

The ceremony was arranged by the Porterville Historical committee, headed by Howard J. Frame; Miss Ina Stiner read a brief tribute to Porter Putnam, and Mayor Lester J. Hamilton acted as master of ceremonies as the plaque was laid September 9.

In the accompanying pictures, Porter Putnam and Mrs. Putnam are shown at the top; second photo shows Louie Stephen plac-

ing the plaque while Miss Stiner, Mr. Frame and Mr. Hamilton look on; third photo shows the wording on the plaque; bottom photo shows some of the members of the Porterville Historical committee; left to right — Miss Stiner, Ruth Olson, Donald Witt, Mr. Frame, Paul Ackerman, Dr. Bill Baucum, Helen Williams, Ruth Gilliam, Marie Brey and William J. Joos.

### NO FARMING ON STREET CORNERS

SPRINGVILLE, July 8, 1904 — Z. G. Jones was a farmer in Missouri until he came here, and he made a success of his business. He seldom farms on the street corners, and he lets congress and the President run the government. Such farmers succeed.

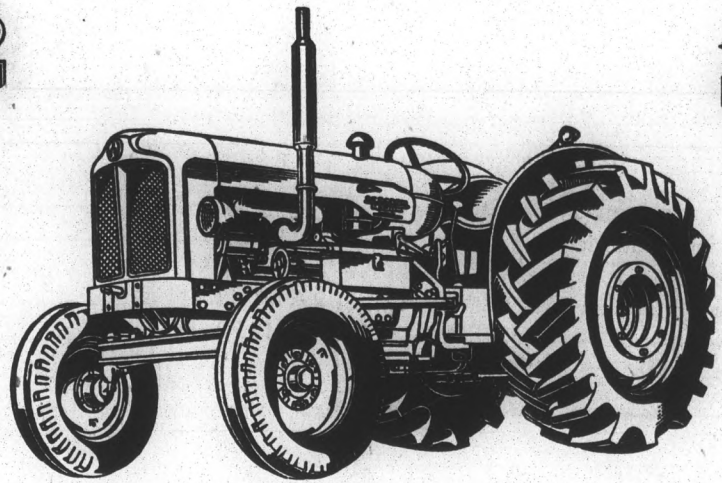
### Granite Quarries Are Advocated

PORTERVILLE, Dec. 18, 1903 — It is a sensible move just made to use our granite for building material. There is a vast lot of gran-

ite material in this section and, with lumber crawling out of sight in price, there is need of different material for house making. Granite quarries should be established on our eastern side of the county, and we predict a granite quarry

near Porterville would always be kept busy.

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# GOLF LINKS BEING IMPROVED BY OILED GREENS

PORTERVILLE, July 8, 1904 —

The golf links are now finished and ready for play. The fairway has been scraped and most of the rocks removed. In the winter time, after the rains, it will be rolled to pack the surface.

The greens have all been leveled, rolled and sanded, and tins put in and light fences run around to keep the stock out. The home green has been oiled, which will also be done to the other eight in the course of time.

Much interest is being taken in the game, many players making the round every evening, last Sunday as many as nine golfers playing at one time. Any person desiring to become a member should

apply to the secretary, Gerald R. Lumley.

## Water Fight On Kings River

HANFORD, Nov. 16, 1905 —

C. M. Blowers stated today that some of the Grant people have teams and men at work building a dam in Kings river at the head of the Last Chance ditch in order to turn more water their way. He will go to Visalia this evening to see Attorneys Bradley and Farnsworth about the matter and expects to have the Grant people up for contempt of court.

SEE YOU AT THE HOME-COMING CELEBRATION IN PORTERVILLE, NOVEMBER 11, 1955.

# Porterville Experiences Its First Municipal Fight; Good Ticket Is Elected, Headed By V. D. Knupp

PORTERVILLE, April 15, 1904 — Porterville had its first municipal election Sunday, and the results are satisfying, a good ticket all through being elected. Of course, a good many disappointments were the result, but that was to be expected, and all sore spots, if any, will soon heal.

There were some surprises, especially in the fight for marshal, S. C. Ballard, the lucky winner, coming to the front with a rush the last few days, and winning out from Roy Wright by four votes. When he first came out for the office, his announcement was not taken seriously, but he soon showed himself to be in earnest. J. W. Bennett was looked upon as a strong candidate in the early part of the campaign, but he was mercilessly traded off and put completely hors de combat.

John Willis, the present night watchman and deputy sheriff, who has been a peace officer in this town for years and filled the office to the best of his ability, was also a candidate, but little appreciation of his work was shown, as the ballot showed.

The clerk fight was a difficult one to decide, all three candidates being so well known, liked and qualified. It was thought that Ben Dunkley had the best show, but Robert Horbach proved he had not, beating him out by six votes. A. J. Newberry was the third candidate.

The treasurer's fight was a bit of a surprise, B. J. Sutherland running like a race horse. Fred Velie, his opponent, who was city clerk, it was thought would make it in-

teresting for Sutherland, especially on account of holding a position in the First National bank, where it would be convenient for him to handle the city funds, but Sutherland was a native born, and it being his first jump into a public position, his boyhood friends and acquaintances thought they would give him a vote, with the result that when these thoughts were counted, he had 102 more votes than Velie. Velie made an excellent clerk, painstaking and careful, and his work is appreciated by the people.

The main fight was for trustees, great effort being made to elect what was termed the Citizen's ticket — A. A. Abbey, H. A. Frame, V. D. Knupp, A. Leslie and J. F. Wright, but Dr. O. C. Higgins and J. N. Larson were wanted by some and S. P. Okerlund and T. W. Howell by others, and the fight was hot during the day. J. N. Larson being the center figure, a great effort being made to defeat him and an equal amount

of energy used to elect him.

The arguments and pleadings in his favor won out, he being landed the fifth man with 134 votes to his credit. A. Leslie was hot on his trail, just 23 votes behind. Val Knupp came out on top, getting 220 votes out of the possible 292 which were cast, entitling him to the mayoralty. His aldermatic appearance, fits him exactly for the chair, which he will fill with credit to the city and to himself.

Other trustees elected were: A. A. Abbey, H. A. Frame and Dr. L. C. Higgins.

The fight was amicable all through, good nature prevailing, and friendly feeling existing between all factions.

The old board, that was elected when the city was incorporated, met Tuesday to canvass the vote. Messrs. Wilko Mentz and Fred Ackerman, who served on this board with Dr. Higgins, A. A. Abbey and J. N. Larson, did not wish to run again.

## PHONE LINE TO VISALIA

PORTERVILLE, Dec. 19, 1902 — The Sunset Telephone company has this week completed a direct telephone line between Porterville and Visalia.

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## Anton Konda House One Of Oldest In City; In Excellent Condition Because Of Care And Workmanship

By Miss Ina Stiner

The Konda house at 517 North Hockett street is one of the oldest Porterville houses and is in excellent condition. It shows how an old house can be kept livable and can be adapted to modern equipment.

It was built for Levi Bond, early don, early carpenter, he was at sheepman, in 1876-77. According to the account book of Wm. Gordon, early carpenter, he was at work on Bond's house "priming the pilasters and oiling the upper

porch floor in February and March and in April was lathing at Bonds." This is said to have been the first plastered house in Porterville; in a recent window alteration, it was discovered that the plaster was an inch thick and in the walls are "fireblocks" to prevent fire from running up open space inside the wall.

It is said that the house had just been finished when Levi Bond died about April 20, 1877. In total ignorance as to his property, his wife in her bewilderment, is said to have signed away the ranch property for alleged debts before getting legal aid or the counsel of relatives. So she took in boarders until her death in 1891. One of these boarders, who also had a room there, was Wilko Mentz. In the early '80s the home cooking of this New England cook must have been a treat.

There are five bedrooms upstairs with ample closet and hall space. Downstairs two partitions have been removed and some windows enlarged; but otherwise there has been very little alteration. The ceilings are 12 feet high; on the long single flight of stairs there was a chair escalator installed during an illness of Mrs. Konda, the present owner; and also there is an elevator at the back.

In keeping with the spacious rooms, Mrs. Konda has used the more elaborate furniture of last century and mirrors with heavy ornamented gilt frames and large crystal chandeliers. The immaculately white kitchen is, of course, modernly equipped; in the large "pantry" are now the refrigeration units. New tiling and floors and paint keep the house in condition.

Anton Konda, who bought the house after Mrs. Bond's death, came from Australia about 1881,

when about 18 years of age. Coming to Tulare county he began ranching east of Terra Bella, ultimately owning a large tract on "The Heights". He married Theresa Bartoldus, half-sister of the Lubkings, who died in 1911. They had five children: Mary and Anna, who live in Fresno, and Minnie, who lives in San Francisco, and all of whom are married, and Anton and Martin. After Theresa's death, he married Elisa Meier, a cousin of Fred Ackerman and also of the three Meier brothers of Terra Bella — Will, Emil, and Fred. To this

marriage two children were born: Erika Konda (Mrs. Harold Waddell) and Albert Konda.

In the meantime, Anton Konda, having moved into Porterville, bought town real estate, near Main and Olive, e.g. the Arlington hotel (now called Porterville Hotel) — managed until recently by the son, Anton Konda, Jr. Also investments were made in orange property. Their cattle ranch is on the Hot Springs road; and the Kondas historically keep in its name the names of the original owners of the various parts.



ONE OF Porterville's oldest houses is the Anton Konda home on Hockett street, with top photo showing the house as it was many years ago; in front of the house are Anton Jr., Martin, and Mrs. Konda. Lower photo shows a recent picture of the house, which is still in excellent condition although now about 75 years old.

(Photo courtesy Albert Konda)

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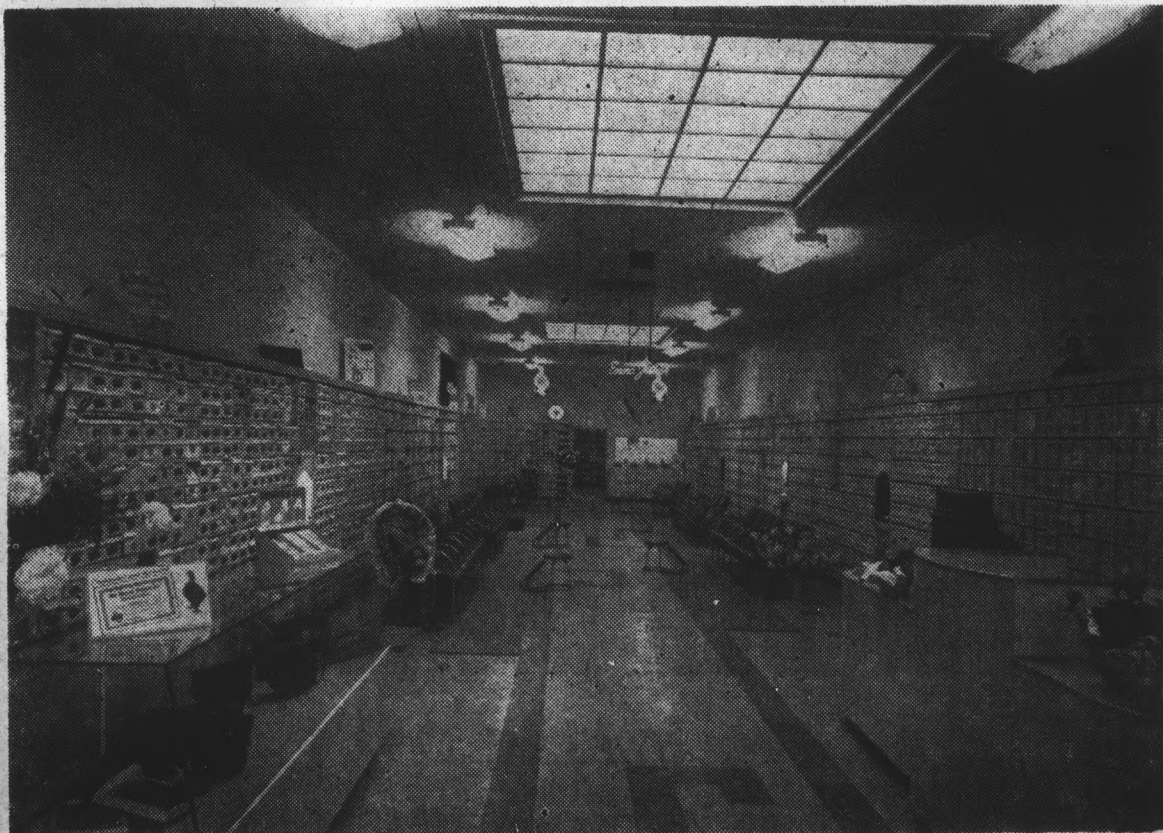
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# West Side Of Main Street Between Mill And Oak Was Second Block To Be Developed In Early Porterville

By Miss Ina Stiner

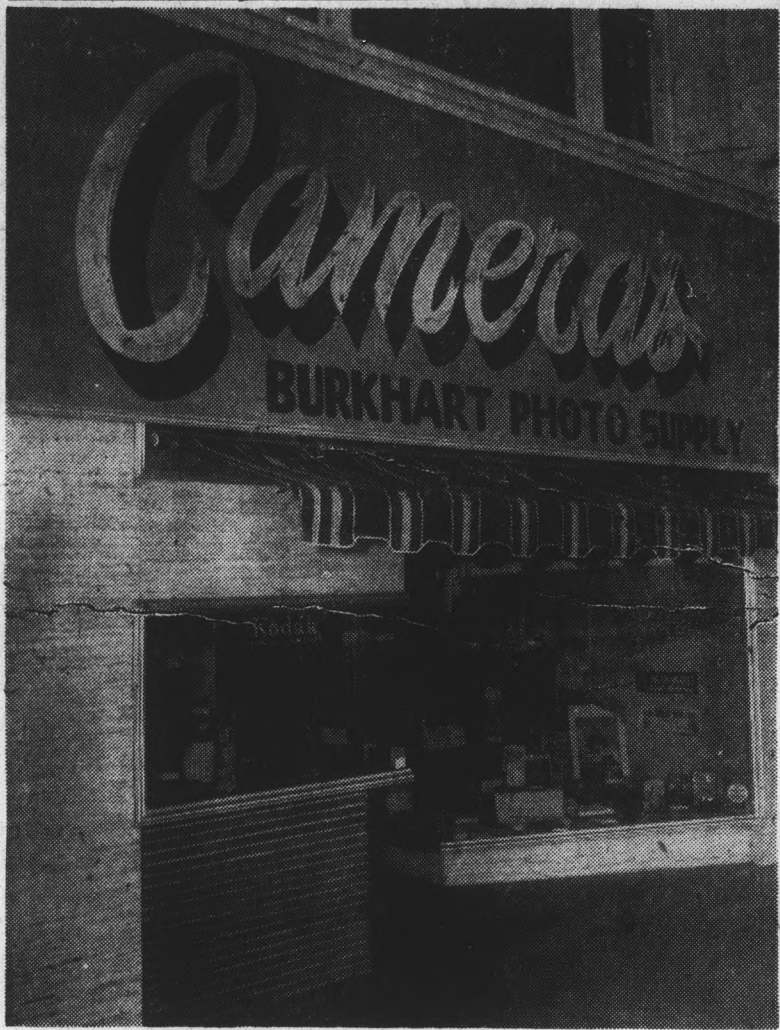
Second business block to be developed in the early days of Porterville was on the west side of Main street, between Mill and Oak.

After Porter Putnam had laid out the town-site in 1864 and had gone to New York to marry Miss Mary Packard, he moved his mercantile business from his first location, on the northwest corner of Main and Oak, where he was as early as 1861, and possibly late in 1860. He went across the street

to the west side of Main (the stage road) and built for his store about midway between Mill and Oak (then Black's Alley) and erected his residence north of it; this is the first picture of the history.

But, as a picture is dated 1870 and the square front does not ex-

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SECOND STORE constructed by Porter Putnam in Porterville is shown in the upper photo, with the Putnam residence adjacent to it. Location was on the west side of Main street between Oak and Mill. Center photo shows the two-story building erected by Putnam, with a public meeting hall in the upper story. This development occurred through the 1870s. Bottom photo shows this second city business block in 1887, looking south from the Mill and Main street intersection. (Photos from Howard J. Frame collection).

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519 Second Street

## West Side of Main Street Between Mill And Oak Was Second Block To Be Developed In Early Porterville

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 tend across the whole front of the building, it would seem that he had already added an addition on the north side of his store. After that Mr. Putnam erected a two-story building replacing this north addition; this was what Hobart Webster described as he saw it in 1884. The upper floor of this building was "Putnam's Hall" referred to as the meeting place of Porterville's earliest lodge, the Ancient Order of United Workmen; and on the facade there were the letters A O U W. It was also used by later lodges, by the Methodist preacher from Vandalia and by other preachers.

South of Putnam's store and half way to the corner of the block Remi Olivier had a building put up in the 1870's; it had an upper story with a gable end and door opening on a balcony over a porch. It was for the use of his mercantile business; but the severe loss sustained by sheepmen and other livestock owners in the drought of 1877 caused Mr. Olivier to leave.

He had married Margaret Kincaid, sister of James Kincaid of Frazier valley, a teacher; they and their children later were at Calico where he died; and she returned

to teaching.

Then William Gordon had a store in this building; his wife and their daughter (later Mrs. Gertrude Oldham) lived in the rooms above. There is a picture, at this period, of the building hidden in the trees that still grew along Main Street. The building was bought by Sam Gilliam (son of Parson Gilliam) and Guy Gilmer (son of the Rufus Gilmer family — settlers south of the Slough in 1874). Besides a store, these two men had the express office and the postoffice; also on the street in front were the public scales, as Gordon had had.

About 1887 Wilko Mentz bought them out and continued these offices as well as the mercantile business. Between this building and the Putnams were two or more shops; in the 1870's it was D. O. Hammon's, who sold to Wm. H. Traeger.

Between the Olivier building and the south corner of the block were about three other small buildings; saloons and barber shop, there were more than one; Fred Ackerman had a barber shop when he first came to Porterville about 1887. Then he had a restaurant and bakery in the

second from the end. After Ackerman in this business was Peter Ting, who like Ackerman was German born.

Soon Peter Ting turned to orange growing near Plano; he still had real estate on Main Street near the Slough. Mrs. Ting and the family were musical; she gave music lessons. There were several children: Darwin, who became a pharmacist, Ilalia (Mrs. Bert Kessing), Monica, Schiller, and Peter Jr. Many young people of Porterville enjoyed gatherings and parties at the Ting home in Plano while the children were growing up. (A picture in 1892 shows a tailoring shop in this location, in this block.)

Meanwhile north of the Putnam residence, Dr. Pleasant Fair Chapman opened the second Porterville Drug Store some time after he came to Porterville in the later 1870's. His wife and daughter (later Mrs. Trefry) used to visit with Mrs. Putnam through their windows. Dr. Chapman, as a practicing physician, had many experiences going about with horse and buggy in those pioneering days. This north end of the block was a row of saloons through much of its early history, ending at the corner with "The Office" at one time and later with the "Mountain Lion."

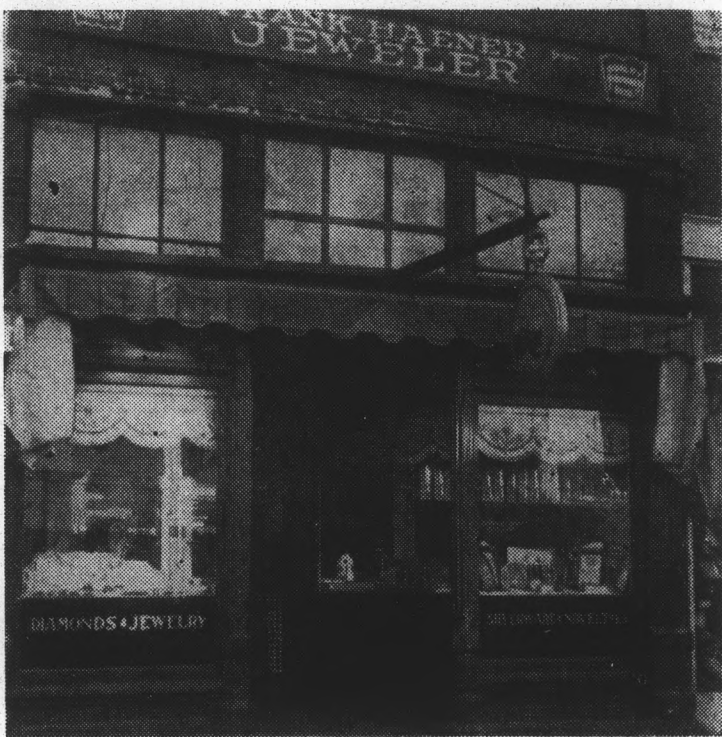
SEE YOU AT THE HOME-COMING CELEBRATION IN PORTERVILLE, NOVEMBER 11.



OTHER EARLY pictures of the west side of Main street between Oak and Mill streets are shown above: The Gilliam and Gilmer store, upper; the Wilko Mentz store, lower, taken about 1890. The Mentz store was on site of the present Jones Hardware company; next to the Mentz business is the bakery and restaurant owned by Fred Ackerman. The lower picture is looking north from "Black's Alley."

(Photos from Howard J. Frame collection)

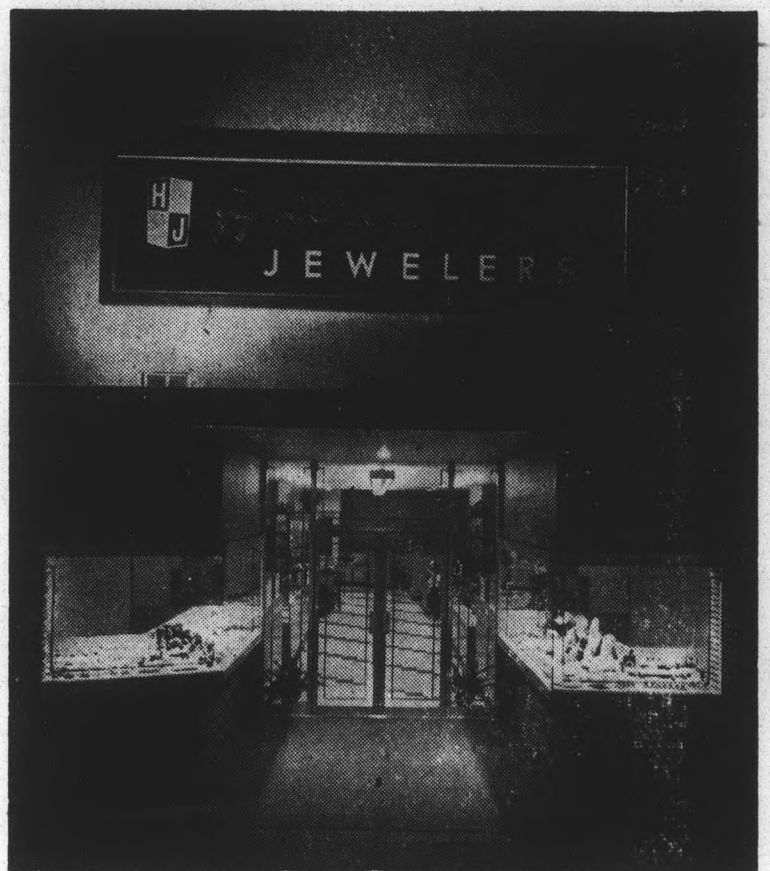
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THE FARM TRIBUNE PROGRESS EDITION

Thursday, November 3, 1955

## ELECTRIC RAILROAD INTO SPRINGVILLE IS ADVOCATED; POSSIBLE TIE-IN SEEN WITH SANTA FE LINE THROUGH FRAZIER

SPRINGVILLE, July 8, 1904 — Dr. Gilstrap says that in Fresno he "sounded" A. G. Wishon on the subject of an electric railroad between Springville and Porterville and the Doctor says he was cheered by the replies Mr. Wishon gave him. An electric railroad between here and Porterville would be a fine thing.

It looks strange to see persons here doing all they can to keep a railroad from coming up north Tule. Certain persons always oppose progress — be it building of a new schoolhouse or railroad. These people are probably intended by the Creator to act as an-

chors to keep the world from progressing too rapidly.

When the railroad approached Visalia, the ox teamsters whined. When it was proposed to bring a railroad to Porterville, the mossbacks came out of dark places and growled, and now, when the railroad people visit Springville to note conditions, the selfish situarians belittle Upper Tule. But it was ever so.

The man first with the idea is generally laughed at. Some few years ago Judge Talbot wanted the Pleasant Valley Ditch company to nail down the great water right on Middle Tule, now owned by

the Huntington company, and he was met with ridicule. That water right is now worth millions of dollars.

But if the Santa Fe branch comes through Frazier and turns down to Porterville at the lime kiln, we will put on an automobile line from Springville to connect with trains till we build the electric road which will connect with

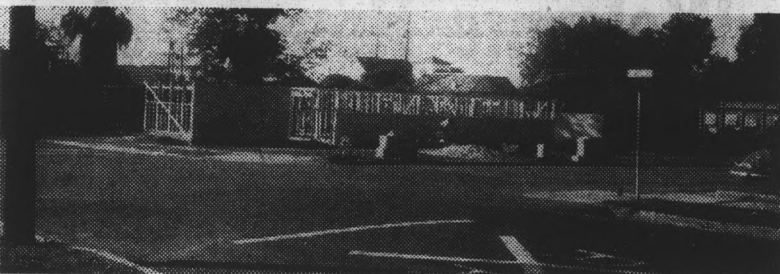
the Santa Fe.

It is believed now that the "loop line" curving through Frazier, down Tule, through Porterville, Poplar, Woodville to Tulare, is the route favored by the Santa Fe officials.

The railroad people were in Springville last week; they sampled our soda water and were pleased with it. They will be walking ads for Springville.

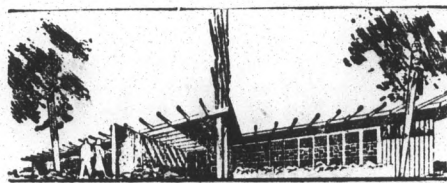
## ANTI-SALOON SPEAKER AT CHURCH

PLANO, Dec. 18, 1902 — Last Sunday morning the Rev. S. H. Enyeart, secretary of the anti-saloon league, gave a very interesting lecture at the Methodist church. Rev. Ballagh did not hold services in the Presbyterian church in order that he and his congregation might attend the lecture.



NEW LOOK is coming to many historical Porterville spots, with above photos illustrating one example. Upper picture shows construction under way on a new office building for Dr. Frank Weins at Fourth and Mill streets, in Porterville; lower photo shows the same corner lot as it was for many years when the Will Putnam home stood on this corner. (Farm Tribune photos)

## Gang Sue's TEA GARDEN



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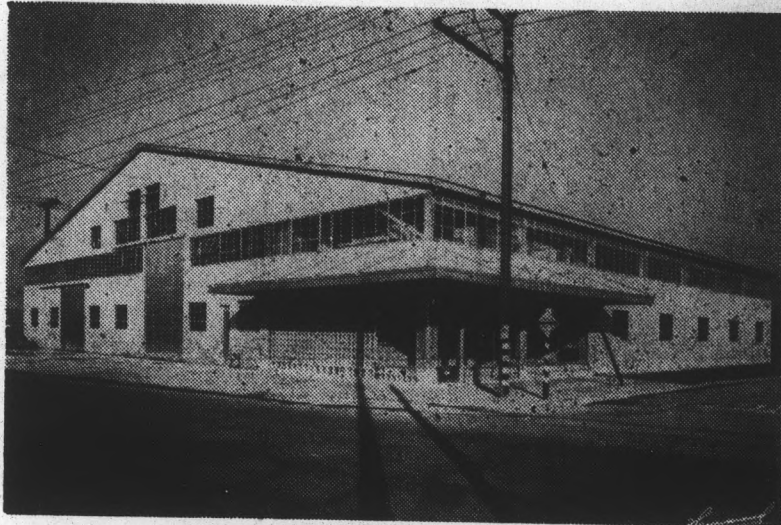
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## INDIANS ACCUSED OF STEALING FEED

SPRINGVILLE, Dec. 25, 1903 — The stockmen say the Indians on the reservation are learning the tricks of the white man — they are finding out how to crowd over and steal feed.

The Los (Indians) on Uncle Sam's reserve lay claim to adjoining land that is not part of their domain. Guide posts should be placed each mile around the reservation to plainly show Lo where his territory

lies.

There is going to be a number of fine houses along South Tule in the reservation when the last Lo has gone with his dog and horse to the happy hunting ground.

## KENTUCKY JACKS ON BLAIR RANCH

PORTERVILLE, Dec. 19, 1902 — J. G. Wade returned from Tennessee Friday, having been away for five months. He brought with him three fine Mammoth Kentucky black jacks, which can be seen at the Blair ranch at Poplar.



SHADES OF the past. Dr. Bill Baucom shown above, taking his mother, Vira Hardeman Baucom, for a ride in his new buggy, back of an Arabian that Dr. Baucom purchased from the famous Jones Arabian ranch at Porterville. (Donald Jones is now one of the leading breeders of Arabian horses in America.) Dr. Baucom bought the buggy — a Blue Grass Special — from the Standard Vehicle com-

pany, of Lawrenceburg, Indiana, a firm that has been manufacturing buggies since 1891. When the above photo was taken, Dr. Baucom was driving a horse to a buggy for the first time; for Mrs. Baucom, the experience brought back memories of "the old days" since she was one of the prominent horsewomen of the community as a girl and young woman.

(Farm Tribune photo)

## WHAT KIND OF A MCKINNEY CATCHER?

SPRINGVILLE, Dec. 16, 1902 — The report has been current here that Frank Clark of Mt. View will be a deputy sheriff under Collins. We don't know what kind of a McKinney catcher Frank would make, but if Mr. Collins wants to honor a man who did effective work for him, he could not find a worthier

man than Frank Clark. The way Clark worked for Collins was a caution.

## VACATION AT ROCKYFORD SCHOOL

POPLAR, Dec. 20, 1902—There was a vacation at Rockyford school for the purpose of laying a new floor and reseating the house. Rockyford has a full school again this winter.



# Now It's Our Turn!

## TO WELCOME YOU

Above you see part of the crowd of 5,000 persons who turned out to give us a rousing welcome to Porterville last summer.

It was an experience we'll never forget — and now we want to say to you and your returning friends . . .

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## Original Phone Line Ran On Posts And Trees Between Springville And Porterville; Built By Dr. Gilstrap

PORTERVILLE, Nov. 3, 1955 — Telephone communication in southern Tulare county has come a long way since 1895, when Dr. Gilstrap, who, at that time resided in Springville, promoted construction of a phone line between Springville and Porterville, with lines strung to fence posts and trees that were conveniently located along the way.

The early line was financed through the issuing of script, which business men in Springville and Porterville agreed to accept in trade. Because value of telephone communication was evident in those early days, the initial line was soon extended to Bakersfield and Visalia.

Originally, the telephone system was handled by the Mt. Whitney Telephone company, but in 1896, the Bell company, then known as the Sunset Telephone and Telegraph, came to Porterville, with office where the Cobb drug company is now located, and in that same year, bought out the Mt. Whitney company; at that time J. W. McFarland owned the controlling interest in the Mt. Whitney company.

An interesting sidelight is that when the new dial system goes into operation in Porterville sometime next year, prefix will be Sunset — the name of the old company.

Shortly after coming to Porterville, Sunset moved its office to the Knupp building on Main street, where it remained until the building was destroyed by fire on August 9, 1913. Following the fire, the office was moved to the then new telephone building at 706 Main street; about three years ago, business office was moved to 406 Second street, where it is now located, however, the mechanical system remained at the Main street location.

Dial equipment office will soon be housed in a new building, just completed by the company, at Hockett and Oak street on site of the old Hockett house, which was torn down to make way for the new building.

One of the old time employees of the company, Emma West Sivers, wrote her recollections of the company back in 1934. She said: "My first knowledge of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company (name under which the company now operates as a subsidiary of the Bell company) was in the year of 1902. The office at that time was in the G. L. Robbins drug store, Main and Mill streets, where the Cobb Drug store now is located.

"Mr. Robbins was the agent and I was the operator. Todd Claubes, who was clerk in the Robbins drug store, and Jimmie Jackson, errand boy for the store, were the evening operators after 8:00 p.m. until the office closed at 10:00 or 11:00 o'clock.

"The office consisted of one section of switchboard, two long distance trunk lines, one to San Francisco via Fresno, the other to Los Angeles via Bakersfield. There was also a line to White River and Springville and we had perhaps 90 subscribers.

"In those days, to keep the toll lines in repair, two men were sent out from San Francisco (Ed Carlee

and Rube Sanderson) to work over the long distance lines. They worked the line from San Francisco to Bakersfield, taking a whole year to make the round trip with horses and wagon.

"These men were called 'line patrolmen.' If any work needed doing on the switchboard or a telephone needed to be installed, a man was sent down from Fresno, or, if the line patrolmen were due, the work was left until they arrived.

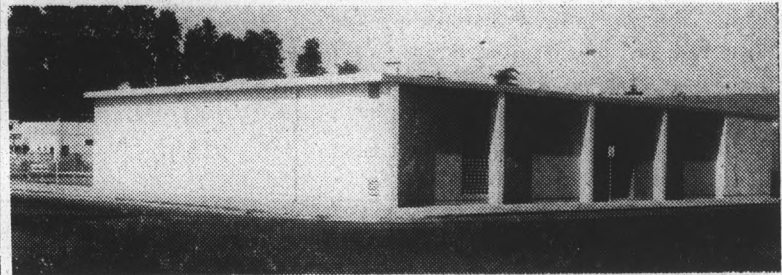
"During the later part of 1902, or the first part of 1903, the telephone business began to expand, and Mr. Robbins put in another operator. My sister, Ethel West Owen, became my assistant. Those days were happy days for she and I.

"All knew us, as we were born and raised in the dear old town of Porterville. Subscribers would call in and give us this message, 'I have my bread in the oven; Emma and I are going out in the garden. Please ring my phone in an hour as I want my bread to bake just exactly one hour.'

"Then too, Mrs. .... would call in and say, 'Ethel, please call Tom and tell him to bring home a



TELEPHONE COMPANY employees, back about 1929, posed for the above picture around a very fancy Ford service truck. Left to right are: Leonard Longley, Bob Adams, (in car) and Vaudine Smith Nelson; on top are Luella Green, Logan Dobbs and Mattie Mertzmann.



NEWEST DEVELOPMENT for Pacific Telephone and Telegraph in Porterville is the above building, just completed at Hockett and Oak streets to house the new dial system that will go into operation next year. Location is on the site of the old Hockett house.

(Farm Tribune photo)

steak for supper, and be home by 6:00 o'clock.' Needless to say, we did as we were told, and the busy housewife went on her way.

The next operators following my sister were Miss Verna Baker and Miss Anna Dillon. Previous to my taking the office in 1902, the operators were Minnie Carroll, now Mrs. Bert Beebe, Cad Tyler, Bertha Tatman and Frankie Hall.

"Minnie Carroll Beebe was the first operator Porterville had, I believe; also the telephone office started in the Robbins drug store. The exact date or year I do not know.

"During the year of 1904, we moved from G. L. Robbins drug store to the building next to the Mapes building, north. The business had grown to the extent that

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SEE YOU AT THE HOMECOMING CELEBRATION IN PORTERVILLE, NOVEMBER 11, 1955.

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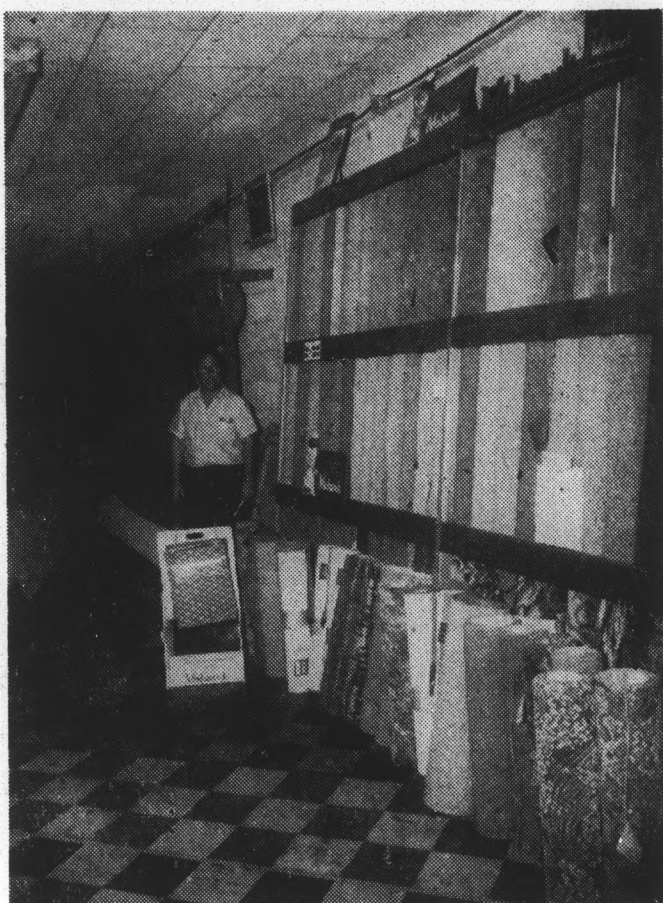
May we extend you the invitation to visit us during your stay in Porterville.

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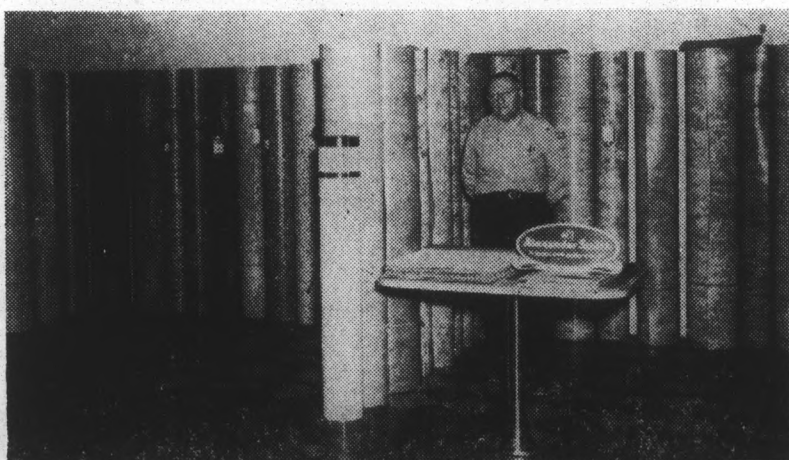
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(Continued from Previous Page) we had to have more room, operators, workmen and a manager.

"I was with the company in Porterville from 1902 to 1906. During that time the office grew from one operator and a one-section switchboard to four or five day operators, one night operator, a general manager (Mr. Dougherty) and a four-section switchboard with all the latest improvements, also a direct line to San Francisco and Los Angeles.

"We were very proud of all this, and thought we were the only telephone office the Pacific Telephone company had. Of course, the line patrolmen were no more, with their horses and wagon. We were given trouble men of our own, and all that went with it, to make a real office.

"Miss Verna Baker succeeded me as chief operator in 1906 and Bert Maxon came in as manager."

Porterville had no telephone listings in the 1896 telephone direc-

tory; by 1899 it had 63 listings. Of those, the first name was Anderson, W. A.; the last name, Willson, Jas. Newspapers listed were: Enterprise Printing office, Lumley Bros., Prop., and Review Printing office, J. G. Eckles and Sons, Prop.

A breakdown of business in 1899 directory listings showed in addition: three hotels, one blacksmith, four legal personnel, four general merchandise stores, three physicians, one restaurant, four saloons, two hardware stores, one engine works, one commission merchant, three ranches, one packing house, two livery stables, one ice company, one news agent, one city department, one flour mill, three meat markets, two drug stores, one furniture store, one lumber yard, one grain buyer, one utility, and one well office.

First subscribers to Porterville telephone service were: Val Knupp, Pioneer bank, Dr. O. C. Higgins, Drs. Brumfield and Hardeman, Porterville Enterprise, Por-



**LEADER OF the community in the early days was John B. Hockett, who is shown above with his wife, Margaret, and family. Children, back of Mr. and Mrs. Hockett, left**

to right, are: Lennie, Robert, Ben, Barton and Dora. The photo was taken in the 1880s. The Hockett family lived on site of the new Pacific Telephone and Telegraph

building, Hockett and Oak streets, in Porterville, the old Hockett house being torn down last year to make way for the new building.

## New York Life Insurance Co. Has 110 Years Experience



**SAFETY IS** the first consideration in insurance, according to Myron and Elton Wilcox, shown above, and real safety in insurance comes through years of service.

**AND THAT'S** what the New York Life Insurance company has — years of service — 110 years to be exact. And there are years of service represented in the office of **ELTON and MYRON WILCOX** at 213 Mill street in Porterville. Elton has been with New York Life for 23 years, Myron for nine years.

**THE NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY** is a dividend-paying company; plans are being issued by the company for endowments, life income, accident, sickness, hospital care, family group insurance, in fact, New York Life has policies and plans to meet just about any personal insurance need that you have.

**AND ONE** good thing about both Elton and Myron — you can drop into their office and start asking questions. They'll answer them for you and they'll advise you on the policies and plans that are best suited to your needs. And of course, there is no obligation on your part.

**ACTUALLY,** it will pay you financially, as well as in peace of mind, to talk over your insurance needs with Elton or Myron and be sure that you understand provisions of policies that you already hold, or policies that you might be interested in. And as a sort of a side thought — if you have old policies, better take them in to the Wilcoxes and let them bring them up-to-date in regard to beneficiaries.

**A FEW** minutes spent today in the Wilcox office could be of inestimable future importance to your family. Drop in at 213 Mill street; or telephone 78 for an appointment in your own home.

**AND REMEMBER,** New York Life is backed by 110 years of service.

terville Water Works, Wilko Mentz, White Front Drug store (operated by P. C. Montgomery) and the postoffice.

By 1920, the phone company had 1,076 stations; in 1930, 1,859 stations; 1940, 1,975 stations; 1945, 2,600 stations; 1950, 4,115 stations and 1953, 5,853 stations.

At the present time, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph employs 145 persons in Porterville; the company has an investment of \$1,563,000 in the Porterville area; \$68,500 at Springville and \$116,000 at Terra Bella.

To complete the new dial system for the Porterville district, the company will spend \$1,600,000; last year the company paid \$21,445 in city and county taxes on its Porterville installation.

And those few subscribers to telephone service in the beginning have now increased to a point where Porterville has 6,700 stations; 27,000 local calls and 2,000 long distance calls each day.

## PORTERVILLE HIGH FOOTBALL TEAM MEETS VISALIA IN CHRISTMAS DAY GAME

PORTERVILLE, Dec. 19, 1902 — The Visalia and Porterville high school football teams will meet Christmas day in Porterville and contest for victory. Both teams are composed of good players, and a hotly contested game can be looked forward to, as both teams are anxious to cut another notch in the list of victories, as a successful result means nearer the goal for the league championship.

The game will be played on the grounds west of the Southern Pacific depot and an admission of 25 cents will be charged, the proceeds to go toward paying gen-

Through the years, a number of farmer lines were tied into the Porterville system; most of these lines have now been converted to dial phones, although, until the entire system changes over next year, the phones are now operated without use of the dials.

eral expenses. Everyone who can should attend and help our boys out, and they can rest assured that they will get their money's worth.

### The Lineup

Porterville — Wymore, 170 lbs., C.; Greene, 160 lbs., L.G.; Tillis, 155 lbs., R.G.; Halbert, 175 lbs., L.T.; Ferguson, 170 lbs., R.T.; Hastings, 146 lbs., L.E.; Udell, 145 lbs., R.E.; Hodges, 135 lbs., Q.; White, 170 lbs., F.B.; James, 140 lbs., L.H.; Henderson, 145 lbs., R.H.

Visalia — Jordan, 179 lbs., C.; Guthrie, 155 lbs., L.G.; Baker, 171 lbs., R.G.; Lovelace, 173 lbs., L.T.; Parr, 159 lbs., R.T.; Newman, 186 lbs., L.E.; Loventhal, 145 lbs., R.E.; Watson, 139 lbs., Q.; Howell, 183 lbs., F.B.; Douglas, 163 lbs., L.H.; Farrow, 135 lbs., R.H.

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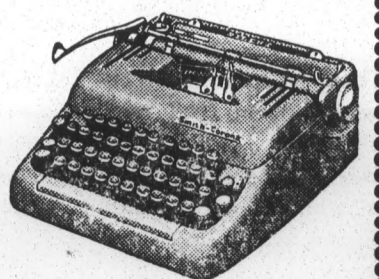
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WHEN PIONEERS return for the 1956 Homecoming in Porterville, they will see a modern, 1,800-seat auditorium at Olive and Jaye streets, where work is now under way on this structure, being built by the Porterville Memorial district. Photos show a scale model of the new building, prepared by Eddy

and Deasy, Bakersfield architects; upper view as the auditorium will appear looking southeast from Olive street, lower photo as it will appear directly from the front. Square block at right in lower

photo is a section of the old Porterville high school building that is still standing; another section that withstood the 1952 earthquake, will be tied into the new memorial auditorium. (Farm Tribune photos)

## EXETER MEN FIND INDIAN PAINTINGS AFTER LONG TRIP UP BLACK MOUNTAIN

(From The Exeter Sun)

EXETER, April 30, 1953—A long trip over a rough mountain fire road, followed by a hike up the steep side of a mountain was rewarded for four Exeter men last Saturday by a view of one of the finest examples of Indian painting in the entire Sierra Nevada.

Rev. A. E. Harris, L. W. Slee, Floyd Brown and J. E. Doctor, made the trip with Burnell Hundsdoerfer of Springville and Harvey Munger, state fish and game division employee, as guides. Munger, a collector of Indian artifacts, and Hundsdoerfer, who recently rediscovered the paintings, both had been to the paintings several times before.

The paintings are found high up on Black Mountain south of Springville. The site is reached over the Black Mountain fire road and is near the boundary of the Tule River Indian Reservation.

The paintings extend over the surface of a rock some 20 feet high and 30 feet wide. There is indication that paintings have been put on over older paintings, leading the viewer to assume it was

a favorite spot for Indian artists.

The newest paintings, probably more than 50 years old, are still brightly colored. Reds, yellows, and blues were used, as well as black. Many of the figures are symbolic of insects. There is one stick figure of a human, and many more which are not readily identifiable.

Archeologists and ethnologists who have studied the Yokuts and Western Mono cultures believe such paintings have no significance except to the originator, who was probably the tribal shaman, or medicine man. Paintings are supposed to mark the site of the shaman's "magic place" and were carefully avoided by others of the tribe.

Nearby is a large rock under which there is a considerable shelter. Here was found evidence of burials, and many beads were brought back by the Exeter men. These were mostly made of sea-shells, some very tiny and each carefully drilled for stringing.

Say You Read It In  
THE FARM TRIBUNE

## LOS TULARES IS HISTORICAL PUBLICATION

PORTERVILLE, Nov. 3, 1955 —

"Los Tulares", quarterly bulletin of the Tulare County Historical society, is a publication that brings pleasant reading and accurate historical information that should not be overlooked by "oldtimers" or "newtimers".

The bulletin goes to members of the historical society, and for the \$2.00 annual dues, membership can be considered one of the biggest bargains offered in Tulare county today.

If you are now a member, send in a couple of bucks to Miss Annie R. Mitchell, secretary, 701 Watson avenue, Visalia, for membership in the Tulare County Historical Society; you'll enjoy the society meetings, as well as "Los Tulares."

## OLD DREAM OF NEW COUNTY

PORTERVILLE, Nov. 3, 1955 —

Old timers will recall that strong sentiment at one time favored the division of Tulare county and formation of a new county. Following is a reprint from a leaflet put out in 1894 by Ford and Coffland, real estate men of Porterville:

"At the next convening of the legislature in January, 1895, the new county of Putnam will be formed, including the towns of Plano, Woodville, Poplar, White River, Springville, Milo, Lindsay, Cramer and Daunt, with Porterville as the county seat."

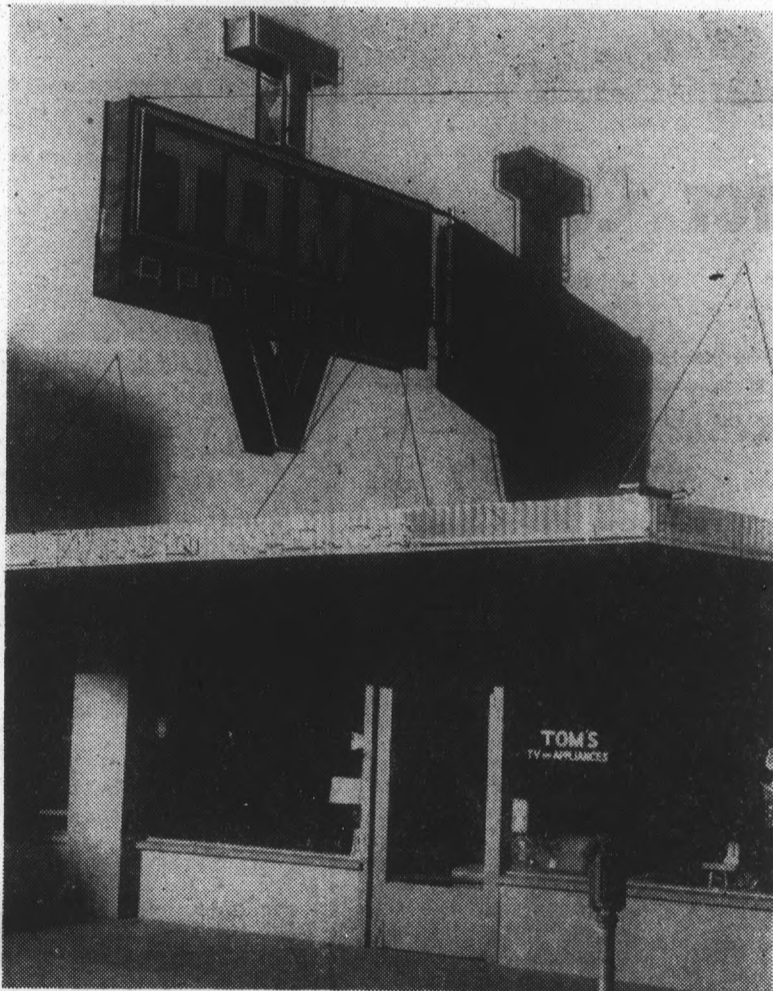
The legislature must not have done as expected, however, for Tulare county was never divided to form Putnam county.

## STATEHOOD FAVORED FOR OKLAHOMA

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16, 1905

— President Theodore Roosevelt said today that he favors joint statehood for the territories of Oklahoma and the Indian territory.

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# FARM PRODUCE SHIPMENTS LISTED FOR YEAR OF 1903

PORTERVILLE, April 22, 1904— So much inquiry is current, throughout the United States, concerning the conditions attending life and the varied industries of California, that the California State Board of Trade has prepared an abstract of the annual report of its president, Gen. N. P. Chipman, for the year 1903.

The report lists the shipment of oranges from Northern and Cen-

tral California as 2,246 carloads, being an increase of 598 carloads as compared to 1902.

Also, there was shipped from the state, 104,198 tons of green deciduous fruits; 299,623 tons of citrus fruits; 149,531 tons of dried fruits; 39,963 tons of raisins, 9,377 tons of nuts; 69,689 carloads of fruit by rail and by seas, and 9,733 carloads of wine and brandy by rail and sea.

SEE YOU AT THE HOME-COMING CELEBRATION IN PORTERVILLE, NOVEMBER 11,



DON'T FORGET THE BIG HOME-COMING CELEBRATION



PROGRESS IN Porterville is indicated by the above photos. Top picture shows north side of Morton street, looking east from the Sun- nyside intersection in the early 1890's. Middle photo, taken in 1951, shows modern-day remodel- ing of the old houses. Bottom photo, taken last week, shows the street as it now is, after extensive widening and improvement, com- pleted during the past year. Hous- es were originally built by the Pioneer Land company.

## Welcome . . . To PORTERVILLE



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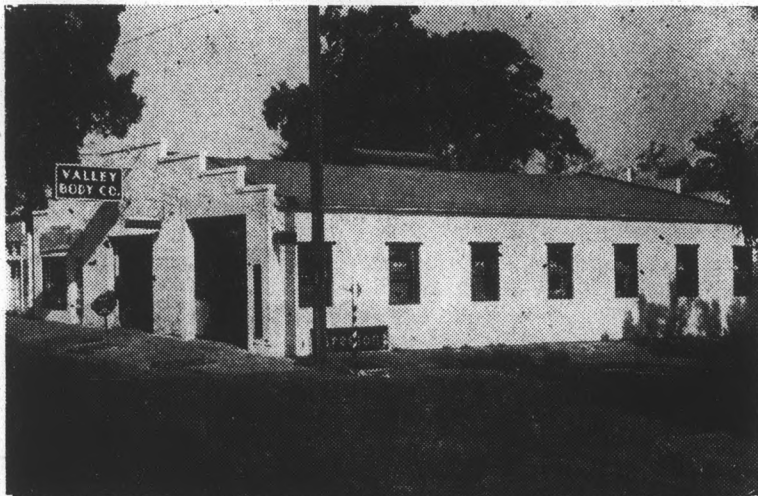
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## WOMEN ON HORSES BRING FOOD, WATER TO FIRE FIGHTERS AS 1,000 ACRES BURNS

PORTERVILLE, July 8, 1904 — Dave Vaughn came down from the Sam Box ranch (now his property) Sunday, where he had been fight- ing the fire that broke out on his place last week.

He said about 1,000 acres of good feed had been destroyed, and had it not been for the liberal and willing assistance rendered by the people in that part of the country, who came from miles around to fight the fire, it never

would have been controlled, and there is no knowing where it would have stopped.

He is particularly eulogistic over the women who rendered valuable assistance, mounted on their hors- es, bringing water and food for the fire fighters and helping all they could.

The fire was stopped Thursday and as far as he knows is now out and everything is safe.

## WELCOME

BACK TO PORTERVILLE

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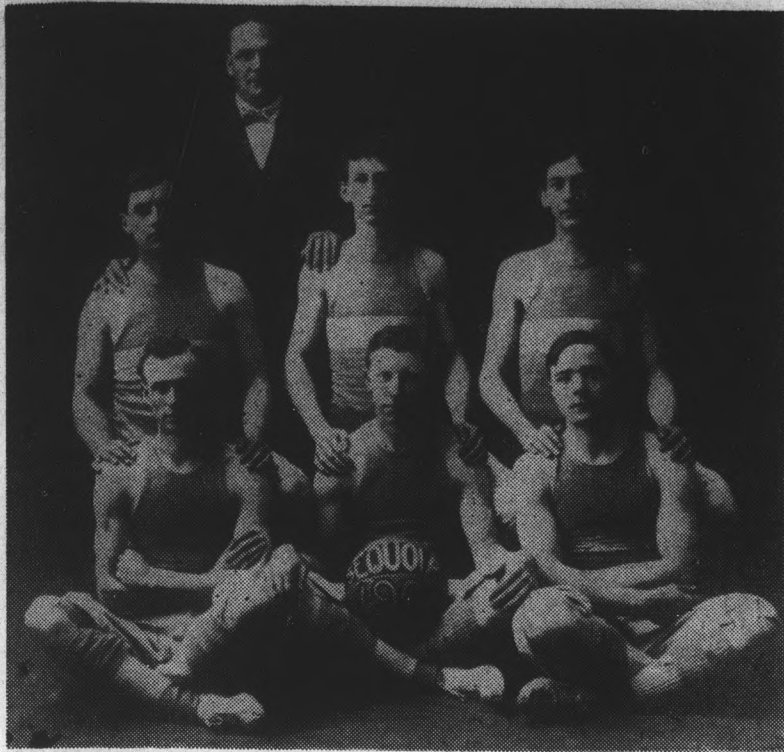
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EARLY DAY Porterville basketball team (date on the ball is 1909) was coached by the Rev. Albert G. Bryant, pastor of the Congregational church, shown standing behind the team. In the top row, left to right, are: Leo Pohlman, Jim Venn, Elmos Parsons; front row: Pinnell, Jess Laughead and Marcus Jones.

(Photo courtesy Marcus Jones)

## Porterville Was A Thriving Community Back In 1902, Judging By Advertising In Old Enterprise

PORTERVILLE, Nov. 3, 1955 — Porterville was a thriving business community back in 1902, judging from advertising appearing in a Porterville Enterprise of that year.

Dr. J. L. Hardeman and Dr. Schuyler A. Barber carried professional cards as physicians and surgeons; Dr. B. L. Carpenter, dentist; J. F. Boller, attorney-at-law; E. W. Beebe, notary public; W. J. Frost, veterinarian; Aubrey M. Lumley, notary public, and J. C. McCabe, undertaker and embalmer.

W. E. Van Emon was proprietor of the Oak Dale dairy; J. N. Larson had the ice and soda works, and Milko Mentz, the city's first mayor, operated a merchantile store.

H. F. Brey was manager of the Porterville Lumber company and V. D. Knupp was manager of the Pioneer Land company. H. C. Talbott had the Pioneer stables and Ralph Calderwood was operating Scotties Chop House and Lunch counter.

R. L. Friend advertised a full line of fresh meats and bologna sausage at the Pioneer Meat market; C. C. Arkle ran the Citrus Shoe store and P. L. Malone was drilling wells.

A. J. Delanley & Co. was advertising a very fancy Universal stove and range (wood); smartest coats for women were advertised at Burford's; G. B. Moore operated the Red Front store; C. F. Flagg advertised that he did all kinds of well and water development work, while Jones and Wolff in the Porterville Meat market admitted their steaks were "luscious."

Fraternal organizations included the Knights of Pythias, Eastern Star, Masons, Odd Fellows, Woodmen, and the Porterville Horticultural Society.

School principal was T. D. Mansfield; Miss L. M. Garner was his assistant in high school; Miss L. R. Shaeffer was vice principal and 9th grade teacher; Lucius D. McKinley, 7th and 8th grades; Miss Marie Chapin, 6th and 7th grades; Miss Belle Willis, 3rd and 4th

grades; Miss Ruth Raymond, 1st and 2nd grades and Mrs. S. A. Barber, primary. School trustees were J. Carter and Dr. J. E. Daley.

City trustees were Wilko Mentz, J. N. Larson, Fred Ackerman, Dr. O. C. Higgins and A. A. Abbey; John A. Howell was city marshal; John Willis, deputy marshal and night watchman; Fred W. Velie,

city clerk and W. P. Putnam, city treasurer.

And just as at present, Porterville prided itself on its diversified agriculture, with the statement appearing under general information: "Porterville depends on no single industry. We have citrus, deciduous fruits of all kinds, grain, hay, alfalfa, sheep, cattle, wool, hogs, lumber, dairying, poultry and eggs."

### PLANO ROAD BEING IMPROVED

PLANO, Dec. 19, 1902 — The road between Plano and Porterville is being straightened, widened and graded. This should have

### PORTERVILLE VOTES "DRY" BY TWO TO ONE

PORTERVILLE, Jan. 12, 1909 — Our fair city is now a dry town, and, among other progressive towns of Tulare county, we are clean. Only one town, Visalia, in the county now has saloons. We have not only put out the saloons, but we have built, within the last three years, three churches costing over \$40,000.00.

been attended to some time past. There is no reason why the road between the two places should not be made into a beautiful avenue.

### County Clerk Makes Appointments

VISALIA, Dec. 19, 1902 — County Clerk Elect Eugene L. Scott, after due deliberation, has finally decided upon his deputies and has appointed G. V. Reed, of Visalia, and Guy Coughran, of Dinuba.

### FEED GROWING IN FOOTHILLS

WHITE RIVER, Dec. 19, 1902 — During the past week over an inch of rain has fallen; our hills are clothed in green and our stockmen are assured of plenty of feed for their roving bovines.

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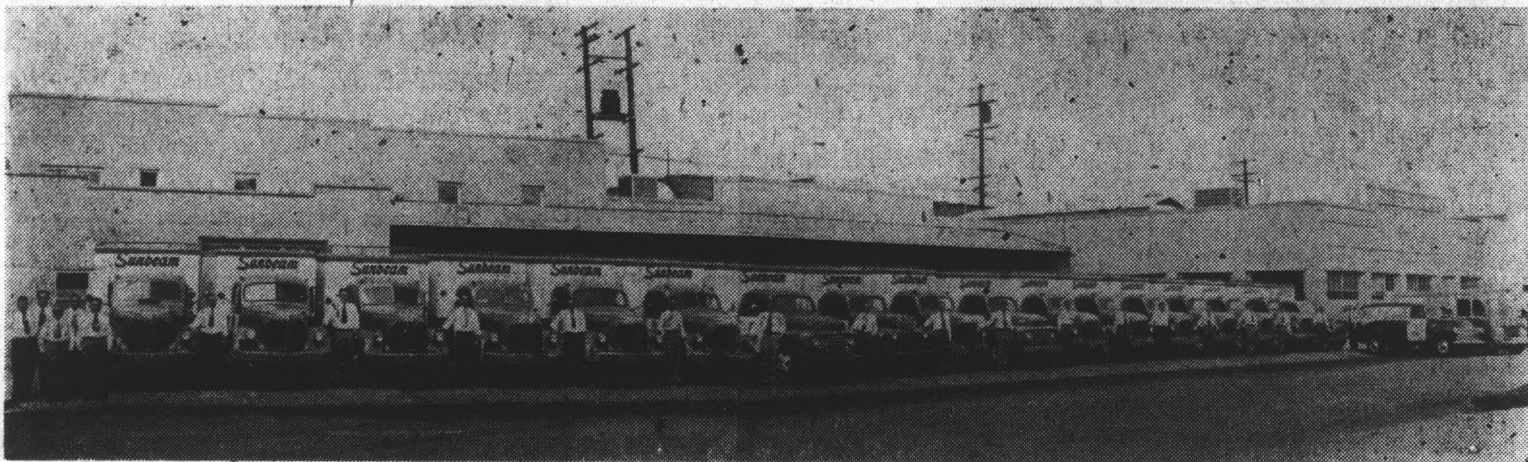
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# THE FARM TRIBUNE

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## Water Fights Were Great Events In Early Days; Last One Held On Armistice Day After World War I

PORTERVILLE, Nov. 3, 1955 — Oldtimers no doubt recall the water fights of the early days, since these events, staged between competing teams of firemen representing their communities, were often the headline event in community celebrations.

The sport was popular in Tulare county many years before the turn of the century, and carried on until around 1909 or 1910. Ross Gardner, Porterville's present fire chief, says that after communities of the area got pumps, the sport began to decline, since it became too dangerous when teams began to build water pressures up to 100 pounds.

Probably the last real water fight held in Porterville was in the early 1920's as a feature of an Armistice Day celebration. Members of the Porterville Fire department and the Porterville American Legion post had competing teams — with the Firemen winning. Although the event was popular with the crowd, it was not repeated, because of the danger involved.

As Mr. Gardner recalls the "old days", also J. C. Campbell, a Porterville pioneer who was a member of the Porterville Volunteer Fire department from 1905 until about 1910 and who competed on the early day teams, the idea was to either drive back the opposing

team members over a predetermined line, or cause them to drop their hose.

The two lead men on a team would lock arms, with their backs to the opposing teams, and with the nozzle of the fire hose between them; the second two men would "tie" themselves together and also lock themselves to the front men as best they could, using the front men as a shield.

In the center was a fifth man, who peered between the two lead men and directed the water stream.

Before pumps came into the picture, water pressure out of a main might be 35 or 40 pounds. But when lines were hooked into pumps, the pressure was built up to 85 or 100 pounds — enough to pretty well beat up a man who took it at close range, and enough to send a man rolling if he broke loose from the team.

Heavy wool underclothing was worn by team members for protection; greatest danger, however, was in catching full force of a fire



**CHAMPION WATER fighting team from Porterville's Volunteer Fire department about 1909, is shown above, left to right: Tom Jackson, Bert Maxon, Edgar Peabody, Cleve Udell, Roy Oldfield and Will Burford. The horn, still in possession of the Porterville Fire department, was the prize that this team won in a water fight at Bakersfield. (Photo courtesy of Pearl Burford).**

nozzle in the face and eyes. Mr. Campbell recalls that one of Porterville's greatest victories with its water fighting team came at a celebration in Bakersfield, about 1909. The fight was actually held at Kern, and there had been considerable pre-celebration buildup. rush the Porterville team; the Porterville boys sidestepped and got their stream of water into the side and back of the Bakersfield team, which brought about a complete rout.

However, in the excitement, a Bakersfield spectator jumped in to help the Bakersfield team; Porterville really "poured it on" him, sending him rolling in the dirt, and since he was not dressed for competition, his shirt was torn off and sand and gravel driven into his back by force of the water, causing something more than minor injury. By virtue of winning at Bakersfield, the Porterville team was presented with a fine firemen's horn, which is still in possession of the Porterville fire department.



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Thank you for your past patronage and may we again send our greetings to oldtimers and newcomers alike on this annual Homecoming Day.

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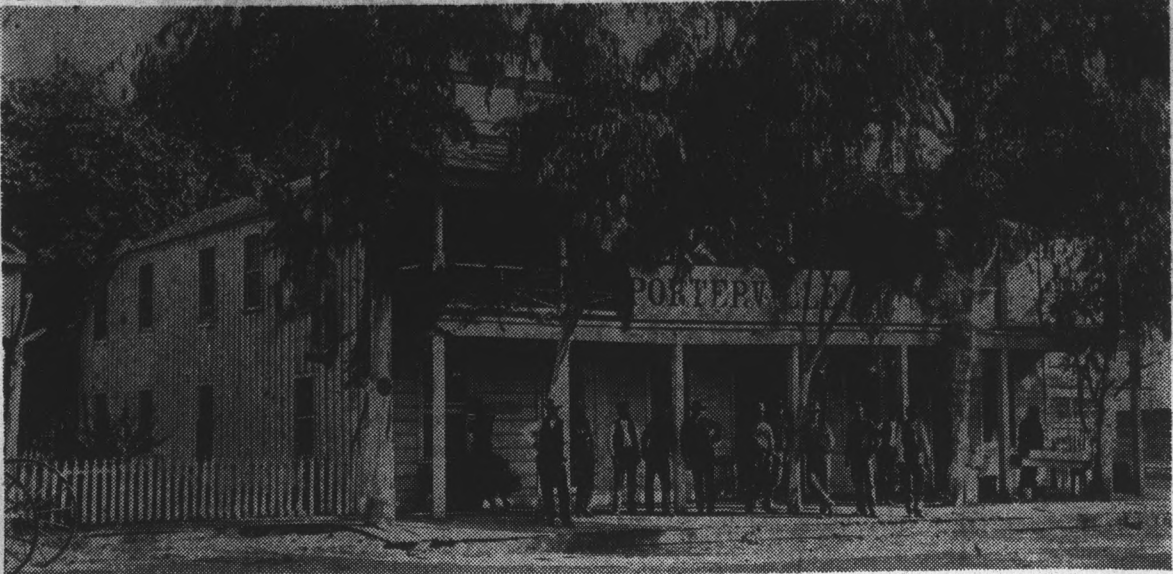
"Porterville's Oldest Lumber Yard"

## WE'VE HAD ENOUGH — GUNS MUST GO! ALL WILL BE WELL IF LAW DOES ITS DUTY

PORTERVILLE, Nov. 16, 1889— We have had enough and the gun must go. Law and order must be preserved in our town, or what is it worth?

There have been a few scrapes in our town lately that were certainly not creditable to it, but we kept silent, as we are not here to advertise our place as a "tough resort", but if things continue in the same groove as formerly, we shall be heralded forth as the toughest set of citizens in the state.

We have had enough of this funny business with guns and it should not be necessary for us to tell the law its duty; let it do its duty, and all will be well.



PORTERVILLE'S FIRST building, constructed at what is now Oak and Main streets, by R. Porter Putnam, in 1861, or possibly late 1860.

The above photo was taken in November of 1885. It was at site of this building that the Porterville Historical committee recently placed a bronze plaque in honor of Porter Putnam, the city's founder. (Photo from Howard J. Frame collection).

## BEAR IS "LYNCHED" AFTER JOHN MENNE ROPES HIM FOLLOWING ESCAPE IN TOWN

PORTERVILLE, Feb. 15, 1901 — It is not very often that we hear of a bear being lynched, but such was the case Wednesday. It took place in the yard at the rear of the Louis Osuna drug store, and caused a great deal of excitement.

For some time Mr. Osuna has had quite a managerie, and in his collection were two young bears. Tuesday night, one of them slipped his collar and was able to roam at will.

This being a dangerous situation, attempts were made to capture him, but he baffled them all, becoming fiercer all the time. Louis had a number of friends to help him and give advice, which would have been all right on paper, but not from a practical point of view.

John Menne was there and, being an expert with a rope, got a loop around the bear's neck. The bear was pulled into a box and the end of the rope handed to Dr. Brumfield and Harry Hathaway

to pull on; a fence, of course, dividing the parties at each end of the rope.

The idea was to raise the bear so that it would be possible to put the collar on while his neck was being stretched. Not being able to see the bear, Dr. Brumfield and Mr. Hathaway pulled on order;

the bear became quiet and Louis dexterously put the collar on it.

"Lower away", was the order given, and lower away they did, but the bear remained quiet. And when those interested cautiously approached, they found him far beyond medical care. He had become a "good" bear.

DON'T FORGET THE BIG HOMECOMING CELEBRATION



Left to right — Corrine Rose, Clara Revis, Frances Luther, Velma Elder, Loretta Bishop.

## MEET THE GIRLS

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Left to right — Joe Cobb, owner; Richard Pettit, Forest Pettit, Vernon Palmer, Don Overstreet Jim Powell.

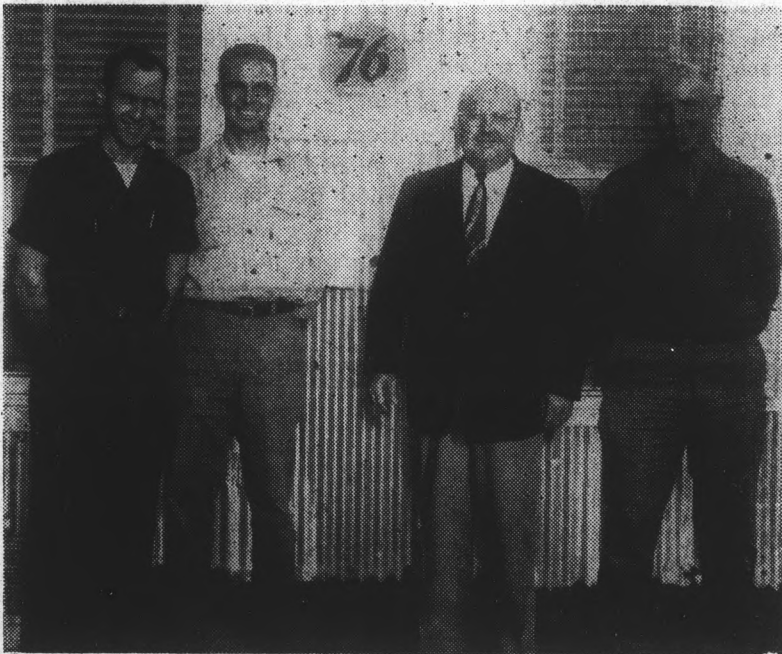
## MEET THE CREW

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## THE CREW

Right to left — Walter Huckabay, Les Hamilton, Bob Fox, Chuck Davis.

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## Wheat Industry Giving Way To Oranges In Ducor Area As 4,000-Acre Planting Is Planned

DUCOR, February 24, 1912 — The wheat industry will be at a low ebb in the Ducor country in five years and entirely done away with in 10 years. This is the opinion of many residents, in view of recent developments.

Aim of the Reid Land and Development company, whose holdings center about five miles south of Ducor, is to plant orange, olive and other fruit trees over its solid 4,000 acres of land. With 170 acres planted to orange trees today, and 85 more prepared for planting this spring, the company, after three years of

activity, will close the present year with the greatest acreage of orange or citrus trees owned by any one firm or individual in Central California.

And Ducor has twice the orange growing land area possessed by any other individual district in Central California. With the successful start that has been made, it will be but a matter of a few years until orange groves crowd out all other lines.

J. B. Dennis believes the "orange industry has come into the Ducor

territory to stay. It offers greater profits, therefore higher land values; and immediate big development must come as a natural consequence."

E. A. Bennett points out that "before any frost could come to us, we have our orange money in our pockets." Mr. Bennett sees a future that bespeaks big things.

"Within five years we will see the town of Ducor hemmed in by a solid mass of orange groves on every side. The orange industry is no longer an experiment, and so far as Ducor is concerned, it lacks

nothing but more development to make it the most attractive and profitable orange growing section in the west," says Mr. Bennett.

G. S. Owen says that he expects Ducor to take "a long step forward" within the next two years. He says that Ducor is the best place he has found in the valley, and he has been in the San Joaquin valley for 35 years.

F. M. Carlisle says the day of grain growing exclusively in the Ducor district is gone and that the spirit that is now manifest her-

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A. J. DELANEY originally had a hardware store at the above location; known as the Hatton building; he sold out to J. W. Thomas, who in turn, sold to John Witt in 1914. The above photo shows the building—one location south from of Main street, prior to 1914. If you know any of the persons standing on the sidewalk, please drop a line to The Farm Tribune.

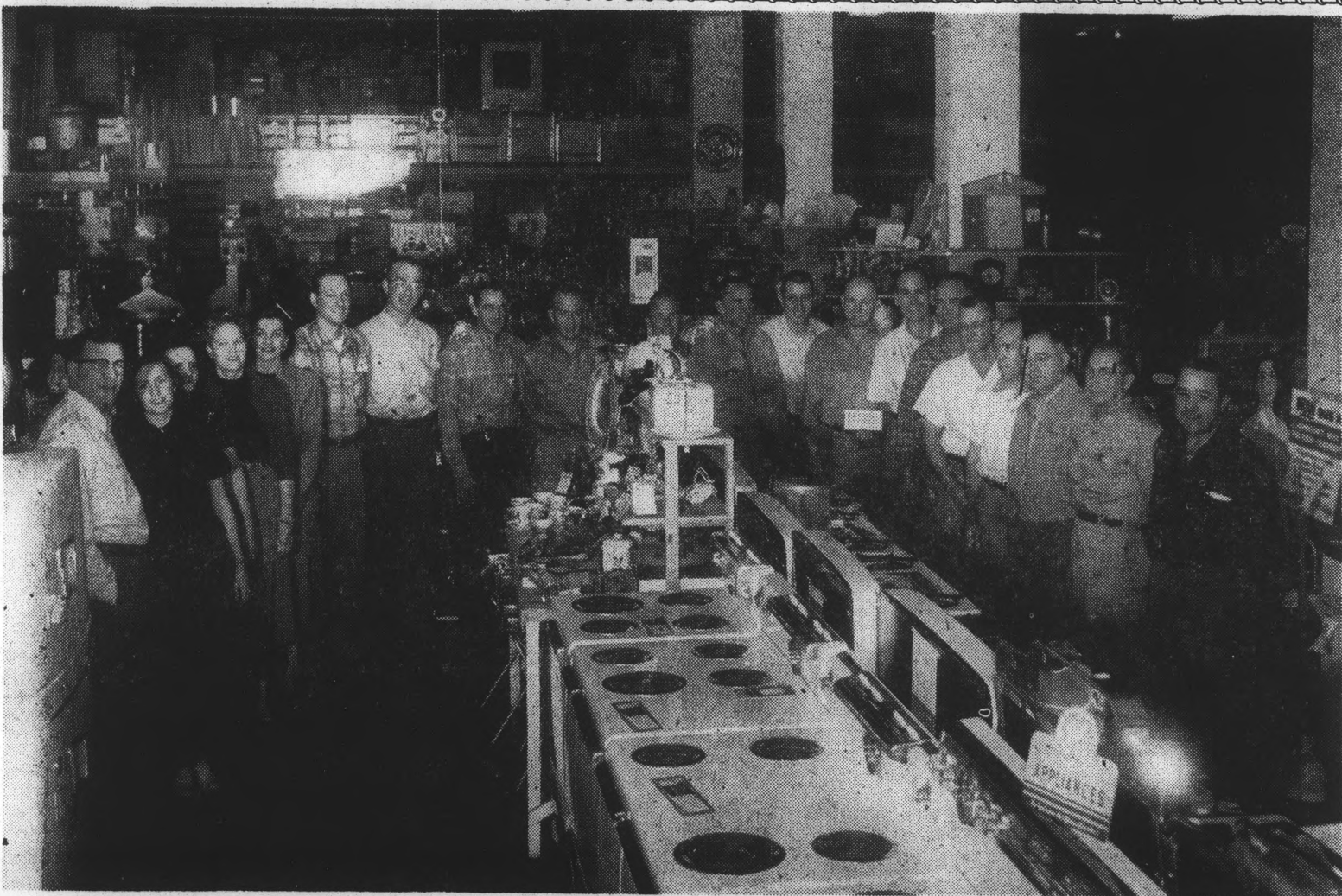
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Left to right — Chet Griswold, Eddie Watts, Dorothy Barnett, Louise Klepinger, Belma Souza, Loren McDonald, Barney Richardson, Bill Fisk, Lee Orth, Clarence Mills, Finis Gannaway, Jim McDaniel, Jerry Turner, Tony Ramos, (manager Cotton Center Store), Orville Lofton, Joe Cassidy, John Hill, Marcus Jones, Garland Johnson, Donald Jones.

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## John Zalud Home, One of Older In City Maintained With Original Furnishing

By Miss Ina Stiner

The John Zalud house is one of the old houses of Porterville still in its original form; it has an interesting story. John Zalud had come from Tulare about 1891 to set up business here, and had a house built for a home on C street near Dr. Higgins' house. When his family arrived Mrs. Zalud perceived that it was on the wrong side of The Slough and refused to move into it; so this brick house on the southwest corner of Morton and Hockett streets was built while the family lived in a small house on Mill street next to the Will Putnam house.

It was built in 1891; the brick work was done by John Leach who died in April, 1892. They owned the block and also had a stable for their driving horses. In 1912 the middle lot was sold when Mrs. Zalud was ill.

John Zalud had come to the town of Tulare about 1875 or '76 and homesteaded. He had a restaurant. When the railroad roundhouse and division end of the Southern Pacific railroad was to be moved from Tulare to Bakersfield about 1891, he came to Porterville. Here he was in the liquor business; but his wife told her three children: "Now you will be going out in the world; you will always be safe if you don't drink."

Mrs. Zalud's maiden name was Mary Jane Herdlicka (a word meaning dove); she died on April 26, 1912. John Zalud was born in Bohemia February 14, 1851 and died January 2, 1944. Their three children were: Mrs. Anna Zalud Brooks of Los Angeles; Edward Zalud, who was killed by being thrown from a horse in 1922; and Pearl Zalud who lives in the old home which she has surrounded with roses.

She was given a musical educa-

tion, having studied at the New England Conservatory of Music at Boston and with Harold Bauer in Paris; she taught music for 10 years. Although Miss Zalud has traveled in Europe and Alaska and around the world, she says she feels sorry for women who don't like to stay at home; she always finds something of interest at home. She has kept in the house the original period furniture.

John Zalud had a cattle ranch on the Hot Springs road and also at one time owned the White River hotel.

## Wheat Industry

(Continued from Previous Page) aids the coming of the orchard as the big industry.

G. P. Drehr, of the Drehr company that is so successfully growing oranges in Southern California, says, "The development of the orange industry in the Ducor country will show more real advancement in the next five years than Southern California has had in the past 15."

Seth T. Gregory, manager of the Ducor Mercantile company says that the exposition to be

held in San Francisco in 1915 will bring more people to California than any other one thing done in the past. These people, he says, will want to see all of California, including the San Joaquin valley, and Ducor.

"Enough of these visitors will see the big opportunity of Ducor to change the whole aspect of things here within a short time", he points out.

DON'T FORGET THE BIG HOMECOMING CELEBRATION NOVEMBER 11.

BRICK COMPANY NOW IN BUSINESS PORTERVILLE, Dec. 19, 1902 — The Porterville Brick company is now

cover the house and yard, although the distinctive styling of the house is visible from the Morton street side. Miss Zalud has kept the original furnishings of the house, al-

though some modern facilities have been added, but basically, the house is pretty much as it was 60 years ago.

(Photo by Ed. Zalud, 1894)

ready to sell brick. Brick masons say they are the best brick in the county, and the price is very reasonable.

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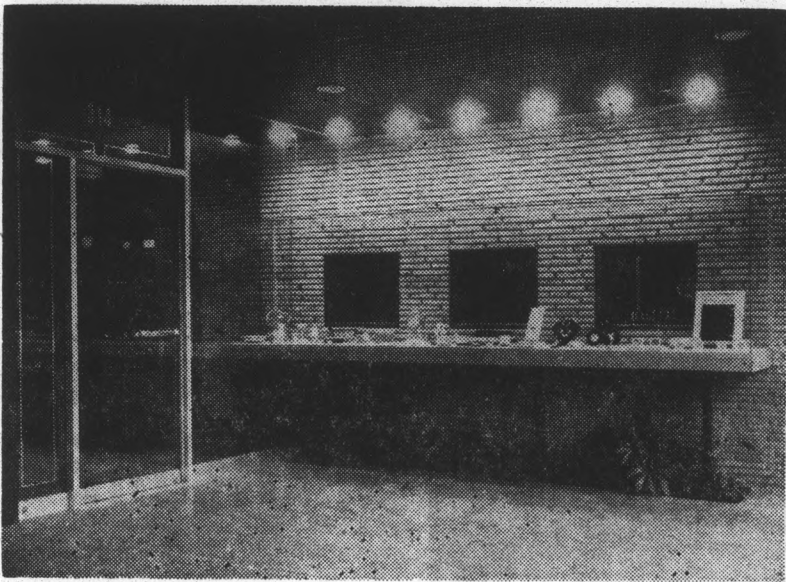
### MEN'S JEWELRY

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### Name Change Urged For Fruit Exchange

RIVERSIDE, Dec. 19, 1902 — At a meeting of the Southern California Fruit Exchange today, J. J. Cairns, Tulare county's delegate, moved that the name of the Exchange be changed to California Fruit Exchange. The motion was

referred back to the Tulare County Citrus Fruit Exchange.

Before next season, something will be done by the Tulare Citrus Fruit Exchange, it was said, to identify more clearly the citrus fruits grown in and shipped from Tulare county and northern California.



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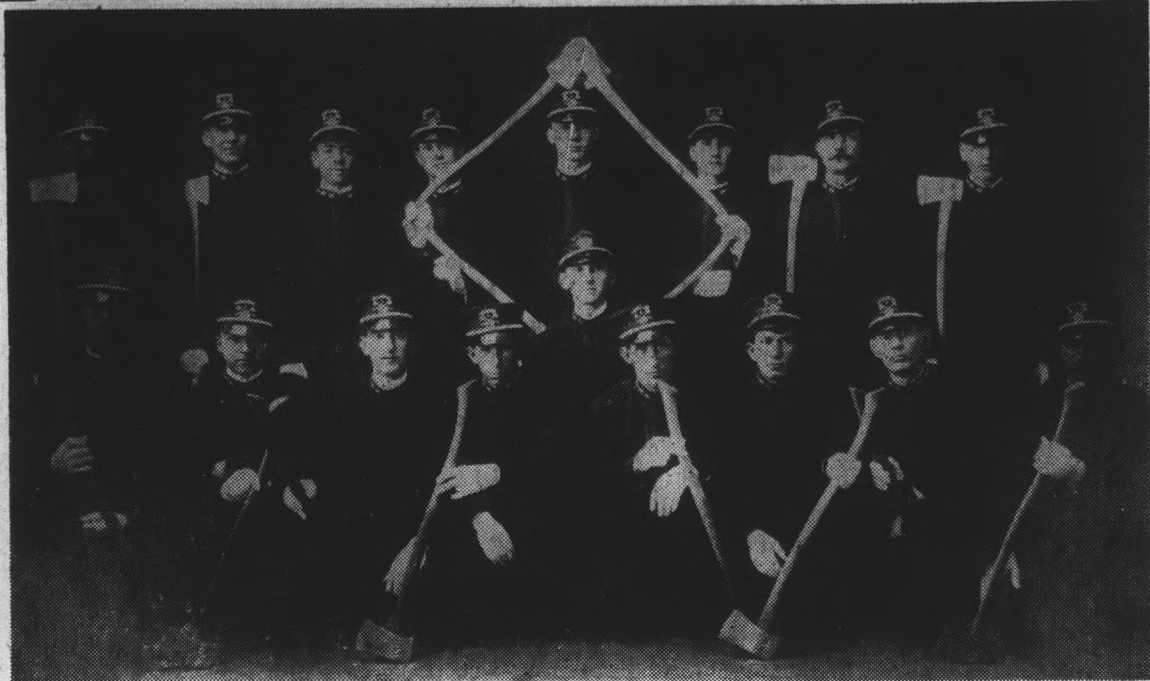
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DRILL TEAM, organized by Woodmen of the World in Porterville is shown above, in a photo taken in 1910. Top row, left to right, are:

George Harp, Ed. Dorsey, Ira Oldfield, Charles Drear, Eschol Hammond, Jake Gilliam, L. Oldham and Bill Bennett. Low row, left to right,

Charles Berry, Bill Schortman, Bob Higgins, Roy Popplewell, Andy Coats, Frank Witt, John Witt, Harry Lambdin and Charles Green

### The Sick Will Be Healed Tonight In Front Of Pioneer Hotel As Quaker Doctors Offer Refined Performance

PORTERVILLE, Dec. 25, 1903 — The sick will be healed tonight when the wonderful Quaker doctors, with their staff of physicians and corps of entertainers, give a big, free show in front of the Pioneer hotel.

Bring the ladies and children. A refined and moral performance every night at 7:30 p.m. for a limited time, free. See the Funny Negro, the Laughable Irishman and hear the Sweet Ballads.

The Quaker doctors are graduates of all three great schools of medicine — Allopath, Homeopath and Eclectic, and are registered to practice medicine in every state and territory in the Union.

They cure, to stay cured, rheumatism, kidney disease, liver and stomach disorders, nervous difficulties, paralysis, St. Vitus dance, epilepsy, blindness, deafness, tumors, catarrh, cancer, etc., etc.

The blind shall see, the deaf hear and the cripples throw away the crutch. Deafness will be cured on the platform. Consultation and

examination free, to those holding cards, at the Pioneer daily from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight.

SEE YOU AT THE HOMECOMING CELEBRATION IN PORTERVILLE, NOVEMBER 11, 1955.

## Our Staff



Left to right — MARION MILLER, manager; LUCILLE SYLVESTER, CAROLINE McQUIRE and LEORA PATTY, clerks; MARYE STUTSMAN, credit manager; JOHN MUDGE, outside salesman.

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SCENE ON Main street, about 1911, when the Mentz building, now occupied by Jones Hardware

Co., was under construction. Charles Nieman, early day plumber, worked on this job. Do you know the men in the picture?

#### WILL TREAGER STARS AT STANFORD

PORTERVILLE, Nov. 9, 1900 — Will Treager is making quite a

name for himself in the football world while playing for Stanford. Against the Reliance team, he kicked two field goals.

#### Oil Company Is Organized in Porterville

PORTERVILLE, Feb. 1, 1901 — La Mesa Chiquita is the name of a new corporation that was organized this week with a capital stock of \$200,000, divided into 200,000 shares, with a par value of \$1.00.

Those interested are: J. H. Williams, A. G. Schultz, H. F. Brey, Eugene Scott, J. F. Boller, Joe Mitchell, C. B. Simmons, A. B. Smith and J. W. Hewey.

Some 4,000 acres of land has been leased in Kern county, adjoining Tulare county, which is supposed to be a coming oil field.

DON'T FORGET THE BIG HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

#### HIGH LICENSE CLOSES SALOONS TOWN IN HUBBUB

TULARE, Nov. 9, 1889 — There were lively times here Monday night when all the saloons closed in order to resist the high licenses advocated by the newspaper and endorsed by the city council.

The liquor license has been increased from \$20.00 to \$100.00, and sooner than pay, the saloon men decided to close their houses and not re-open until repeal of this act.

Consequence of this action on part of the council is that the

saloons and hotels have been given notice that their gas and water will be cut off, and the town is in a hubbub.

The saloon men intend to appeal to Governor Waterman to have the town dis-incorporated.

#### PHEASANTS PLANTED AT CLUBHOUSE

PORTERVILLE, Nov. 30, 1900 — A dozen pheasants arrived here from Oregon, Monday, and were turned loose above the clubhouse. Several citizens of Porterville subscribed the amount for their purchase.

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PORTERVILLE, Nov. 9, 1883 —  
The petition that was sent to the  
Post Office department a month

or two ago to have the service on  
the mail route from Tulare to Plano  
increased to three times a week,  
and Porterville supplied by it, has  
been granted.



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JEAN SARTHOU constructed the  
above building in 1897, after a  
major fire had destroyed earlier  
buildings on the west side of Main  
street between Oak and Mill  
streets. In more recent years, Alec  
Sarhou tied this building in with  
an adjacent building and remodel-

led both to form a single building  
that now houses the Woolworth  
company. Marcus Jones recalls  
that about the time his family  
came to Porterville in 1899, the  
Sarhou building was used as a  
gymnasium by young men of the  
town; equipment from this gym

was later moved to the Congrega-  
tional church when gymnasium and  
swimming pool were built there.  
Men standing on sidewalk are un-  
identified. If you know them,  
please drop a line to The Farm  
Tribune, stating who they are.  
(Photo taken in 1897 by Ed. Zalud).

### Preachers Eat All The Chickens

PORTERVILLE, April 22, 1904—  
It is wrong for any shrewd, mag-  
netic preacher to go into the rural  
districts among hard working, well  
meaning people, keep them from  
their duties for a week, collect all  
the spare coin, devour all the  
plump chickens and savory pies,  
and then depart without leaving

those people a single rule that will  
make them stronger for the latter  
life or any broader in their views.  
Time and again we have seen  
preachers impose thus on simple  
folks and it angered us.

### Con Young's Patsy Is Race Winner

PORTERVILLE, Aug. 10, 1889—  
The match race between Capt.

Hayes' Black Pilot and Con  
Young's Patsy, came off at the  
Jamison track on Saturday, last.  
The race was a half mile and re-  
peat for \$100.00 aside, and bet-  
ting was brisk, with Black Pilot be-  
ing the favorite at 6 to 4. But  
his backers got left, as, after a  
very pretty and exciting race,  
Patsy won in two straight heats.  
Time, 0.56.

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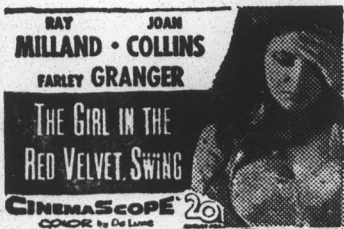
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ALSO



PLUS  
Late  
Fox News  
Cartoon

WEDNESDAY TO SATURDAY — NOVEMBER 9, 10, 11, 12



PLUS  
2ND  
FEATURE



PLUS  
Tom and  
Jerry  
Cartoon  
Latest  
Fox  
News  
Reel

## MOLINO THEATRE

SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 7, 8

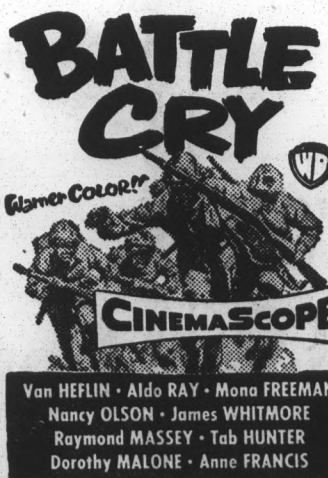
CINEMASCOPE  
VICTOR MATURE in  
"DEMETRIUS and  
The GLADIATORS"  
— with —  
Susan Hayward  
Debra Paget - Michael Rennie

ALSO

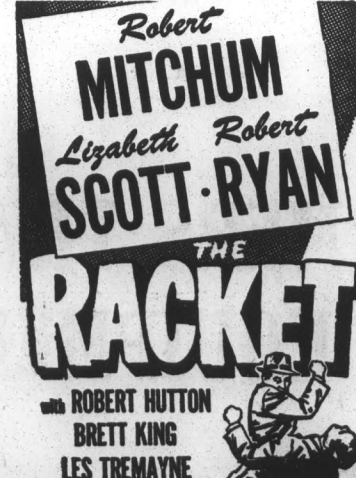


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PLUS  
2ND  
FEATURE



PLUS  
A  
Bugs  
Bunny  
Cartoon  
LATE  
NEWS  
Adults  
50c  
Children  
10c  
At All  
Times

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